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## DEDICATION

This history of New York State Grange is dedicated to those devoted members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, my mother and father, who first taught me to love the Grange; to my sister, whose counsel has been invaluable; to the host of other Grange-hearted men and women, without title or acclaim, who have built intangible values into the life of rural New York; to those who still render unselfish, constructive service, and to the multitude of Grange builders of the future, who will throng the coming years. Our American heritage is made strong by the words and deeds of such as these.

Pioneer builders of freedom, they have broken, and will continue to break, the shackles of isolation, of ignorance, of blind prejudice.

With faith in God, with eyes toward the best good of America, they have tilled our State Grange Farm well,—they will continue to conserve and develop its potential wealth, to have, to hold, to share with mankind.



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When the Delegates at the Eighty-third Annual Session adopted a resolution directing that the History of New York State Grange be brought up to date it became the duty of The Executive Committee to select someone for the task of preparing the manuscript.

Because of her devotion to the Grange, coming from a Grange family whose membership extends over a period of years nearly equal to that of the Grange, itself; because of the interest she has always had in the progress of the Grange; because she has served as one of the outstanding State Grange Lecturers and because of the ability shown in writing a portion of The Sixth Degree Ritualism The Committee turned to Miss Arthur.

We were fortunate to secure her services. As a result of her dedication to the task, her hours of research and her untiring efforts we have this book!

We would be remiss if we failed to mention the invaluable assistance given Miss Arthur by her sister, Maude. To her we also express our thanks.

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Historian.



S. Maude Arthur, who  
gave material assistance  
in History.



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## FOREWORD

When the Founders of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry first searched for a name for the new farm family organization, they decided upon "THE GRANGE" which means farm. Thus, in a large sense, our New York State Grange is our New York State Farm.

In his book, "The Harvest," the late Liberty Hyde Bailey told of an old gardener who was asked how much land he owned. He said: "One acre; but it is a wonderful acre; it reaches to the center of the earth in one direction and it takes in the stars in the other."\*

This is an accurate description of our New York State Farm. Multiply the "one acre" by a limitless boundary, let it reach deeper than the grass roots themselves, deep into our good brown earth,—rich in minerals, gold, iron, basalt, pitchblende and many others, known and unknown,—then let the opposite boundary reach to the stars in idealism,—and you have some small estimate of our New York State Grange, our New York State Farm. If we reach out with our yardstick, we will be in tune with Daniel Webster who said our National strength lies very near the soil. The strength of our New York State Farm, which begins with radiation from the Subordinate Grange, has wider range than our vision.

Grange member,—you are a stockholder in this great Farm. How long has it been since you inventoried its assets? Have you accurate business knowledge, on either a tangible or intangible basis, of your annual interest? Are you even positive of the potential boundaries of the Grange Farm? Have any surveyors placed permanent marking stones, or are they at best perishable markers, such as the "bent elm" or "old ash tree" found in certain deeds as boundary markers? It is high time we took inventory.

The following pages may place such account of stock within your grasp, so you may have a clear-cut understanding of the Grange, its accomplishments and its untouched potentialities. We will begin with the following analysis:

"Almost every worth-while farm organization, either directly or indirectly, sprang from, or was sponsored by the Grange. Its founders had a vision far ahead of the times in which they lived." The speaker was Mr. Fred H. Sexauer, then President of The Dairymen's League. "They were not economists in the present day idea of that term. But they knew from farm experience, from plain common sense, what economists are now learning from history. They were the great pioneers for sound improvement in a changed and new kind of world. The changes which we to-



day study as history, the founders of the Grange knew from experience. It would be well for those of us in organizations started on our way by the Grange, and perhaps even present Grange leaders themselves, to review the economic events which gave rise to the beginnings of this and many other farm organizations."

Again, it has been well said that the Grange has been more responsible for the open-mindedness, the willingness to learn, of the farmer of today; for the general factors which have led to agricultural colleges, experiment stations, farm bureau, extension service, and the ever widening reach of educational opportunity, than any other agency. Oliver Hudson Kelley, who with vision and brave heart started out to build the Grange with only \$2.50 in his pocket, found hosts of farm people who, although not illiterate, did not even have a newspaper. He would have had just pride in what the Grange has done. The small sum he ventured has multiplied into a very large amount indeed. This educational system deserves a permanent marker.

These are proud limits, and honest ones. Where will you set the others? You must own them with equal pride. Your returns from this great New York State Farm, the Grange, are entirely in your hands.

Again we quote Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, in "The Harvest,":

"The size of an acre of land varies directly with the size of the man who manages it. The larger the man, the larger the acre."\* If you cultivate this land as a good farmer, if your seed has been good, the preparation of soil adequate, your harvest has been indeed a rich one. You have touched something of gold in the Grange top-soil.

Farming is never static. The wide reaches, the rolling fields, the rounding hills, the lofty mountains,—they seem eternally the same. There is a peace about them that nothing can erase. The same sun rises, the same sun sets in glory, the same streams murmur, the stars swing above in their quiet, inimitable majesty,—Sputniks and satellites to the contrary, yet farming is never static. A decade changes from modern to obsolete the means of farming. Yesterday's equipment and today's method are miles apart. Yet each member of the farm family leaves his own impress on the basic soil. Each has his part to play. Past State Master Fred J. Freestone said: "We farm in the sunshine and the rain, in the periods of adversity and the periods of prosperity. These are our lands, this is our life, we are husbandmen."

So it is with our great New York State Farm. It is not only the State Master, not alone his associate officers and deputies, or the Pomona or Subordinate Officer, who is the map-maker, the history writer. Each member in proportion to his own realization



of Grange opportunity and pride in participation, becomes a builder of the Grange itself, and writes his big or little paragraph in Grange history. The recorder of this history is a minor factor. The emphasis always should be on the work and the worker who shape the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

The pattern of the Grange itself, designed by the Founders after the form of the ancient English farm or manor, will always be basically the same. The Master's station like the old manor house, the Overseer in his opposite station, the Steward, faithful to his charge, the watchful Gatekeeper beyond the moat, the chaplain in the position of the church, the Lecturer as the school, the three Graces facing the central Altar to show our regard for the fruitfulness of earth, the dignity of Agriculture and its direct connection with our Faith in God, will always hold. The sublime beauty of our Ritual, when well memorized and spoken, reflects the true Patron's recognition of Divine guidance, and the dignity of man, the Farmer, and has something eternal in it.

Yet the Grange Farm, like the farm itself, is never static, nor should it be. Leonard Allen, in his splendid History of New York State Grange of 1934, would find in today's Grange many words and much action beyond the horizon of his era. Tomorrow's historian, when his pen touches the pages of record of tomorrow, will find the same condition. Such is growth, such is progress.

The Grange will continue to grow in service and in numbers. "Esto Perpetua" is no idle dream. Agriculture itself depends on this growth. The Grange, as always, is in the forefront of the battle for the life of Agriculture and the freedom of the farmer. The Grange is the honest spokesman.

The program of our State Grange originated where it should, in the healthiest of all soils, that of the Subordinate Grange. Here evolved 99% of the formulated pattern, from members of our Order close to the roots of rural problems and long view values of country people. Herein is a vital factor of our history.

We trust that Volume Two of the New York State Grange History may show some culmination of the Grange Dream. May we vision new hands on the handles of the Grange plow, with no relinquishing of underlying Grange principles. In the cultivation of our State Grange Farm a richer and greater crop of Grange worth to Farm and Nation, we trust, may flourish today, tomorrow, than even in our proud past.

May we, instead of the word "foreword" perceive the Finger of God pointing forward to a new and brighter Grange day. Tomorrow waits. What will its boundary limits be?

\*NOTE: Permission is granted for quotations from "The Harvest" by L. H. Bailey.)

## Chapter 1

### MESSAGES

To New York Grange Members and  
All Interested in our Way of Life:

Organized in 1873, the New York State Grange is rapidly approaching its second century of service to members and all Americans.

Its first four score and seven years form a magnificent foundation for its future. No other comparable force in rural New York has contributed so much to the combined economic, social and cultural blood-stream of the Empire State. Its impact is enviable nationally and throughout the world.

The State of New York is studded with the landmarks of Grange effort. It has built a brand of American—Patrons with the ideals and visions, integrity and ambition, that have formed the human framework for the greatest nation in the history of the world. After all, one of our basic purposes is to build people and generate and stimulate leadership. A better manhood and womanhood, based upon the enhancement of family living, has been the continuing objective and purpose of the Grange. This purpose has been served well in New York State .

The Grange is a family, community, county, state and national, as well as international, fraternal force. Your “institution”—the New York State Grange—has built, through strength of group action, in order that it might better serve the cause of freedom and of fuller, richer life for the people of your state, an enviable record.

We salute Grange members and the whole Grange structure in New York; and rejoice in your opportunities ahead.

Fraternally yours,

Herschel D. Newsom, Master

The National Grange



# A MESSAGE TO NEW YORK PATRONS

By JAMES C. FARMER

Former Lecturer of the National Grange

In the march of the years it is wonderful to think back down memory's lane, of the important events that have helped shape our own, our family's, the community and the nation's activities.

My thoughts turn back to the many Grange sessions, Lecturers' conferences, field days, anniversaries and other special Grange events that I attended in New York State during my 20 years service as Lecturer of the National Grange.

I shall never forget those inspiring drills by Grange members who had qualified to take part, by doing some special Grange work in their community. I remember as though it were yesterday, the beautiful courts of Flora and the very impressive presentation of the 6th degree.

I travel down Memory Lane, to many wonderful Grange Lecturers' conferences at Cornell University, led by inspiring, efficient, faithful State Grange Lecturers and State Masters. Everyone seemed so anxious to learn, to secure new ideas and plans that would aid them in developing the membership in their home Granges.

What a wonderful social, economic, educational, moral and spiritual force the Grange has always been. It inspires, it challenges each one to do their best, it stimulates and encourages members of all ages. Where the school leaves off, the Grange continues to educate one for the rest of his life. It blends the past with the present and aggressively looks forward to the future, with new ideas and programs.

In my memory chest are those wonderful National Grange sessions that have been held in New York State, and the thousands of loyal patrons who came to receive the 6th and 7th degrees.

There were great field days with large attendance. I recall one with State Master Fred J. Freestone holding an umbrella over my head while hundreds stood in the rain to hear a message of what the Grange was doing for them and what it meant to be a Grange member.



There were fine Grange fairs, with their splendid exhibits, and picnics with many youth events and interesting programs.

The Grange has lived and will continue to live because it is founded on the home, the family, the farm and community life. The spirit of fraternity and the power of Grange ritualism helps us all to live better lives and enjoy the fruits of our labors, as our Heavenly Father so wonderfully emphasizes in many of His teachings which are found in the Grange ritual.

To all of these great services of the Grange, one should add the great economic benefits that have been provided through Grange insurance and other special Grange service committees, educational aid funds, legislative work and cooperative activities.

History will continue to show that the Grange is the only really complete farm organization that continuously studies, plans and works for the farmer and his family and all those who claim rural America for their home.

Please remember, that you who read this message are the beacon lights of the Grange today, and you should radiate the new light and spirit of Grange leadership, services and achievements for the present and future years.

Fraternally yours,

James C. Farmer

# HATS OFF TO THE GRANGE

By E. R. EASTMAN

President of American Agriculturist

One of my most rewarding experiences was acting as Lecturer of the Subordinate Grange, Interlaken, New York, more than 40 years ago. In all the years since, I have never forgotten the closeness, the feeling that Grange members are really brothers and sisters, that I gained in that early experience and have added to in my Grange contacts since.

The history of the origin of the Grange always interested me. At the suggestion of President Andrew Johnson, Oliver Hudson Kelley made an extended trip through the southern states right after the Civil War and was appalled at the way the South had been left prostrate.

Kelley decided that the best way to help farmers was for them to help themselves. Incidentally, if all of us could remember that principle, farming and the nation would be much better off today than they are. As a result of Kelley's trip, he planned a great farm organization, the Grange, and decided that the organization should be a secret one with a ritual based upon the grandeur of the rolling seasons and the beauties of nature.

For some reason, the Grange made little progress in the South but it certainly did in the North.

What is of particular interest to us here in the northeast is that New York State and Vermont had the honor of organizing the first two Subordinate Granges in America that have functioned constantly since their organization. These Granges are:

Fredonia Grange, Fredonia, N. Y.,—which was founded by Oliver Kelley himself in 1868; and the Green Mountain Grange, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, founded in 1871 also by Father Kelley.

In thinking about the many great achievements of the Grange, I put at the top of the list or nearly at the top, the fact that the Grange was the first organization to recognize that farming is a partnership business and that the women are full partners with the men. From the very first, the Grange saw that farming cannot succeed without the home and the home-makers and that

the women have just as much right and duty to participate in public affairs as the men do. Hats off to the Grange for being the first to recognize this basic principle!

Another direct and important result of Grange work is that it has taught farmers to express themselves. They have always been able to do this, sometimes very emphatically, to each other, but they were slow to express their opinions in meetings where they might do some good. The Grange was a forum. It taught farm people to speak out in thousands of meetings, feel free to get up on their feet, say what they think, put their combined conclusions into resolutions and then give these resolutions to state legislatures and to Congress.

It would take far more space than is available even to mention all of the other achievements of the Grange. To name a few: The Grange has organized and supported cooperative marketing. Among the oldest and most successful cooperatives in America are the Grange fire insurance companies. Without the support of the Grange in the early days, it is doubtful if these companies could have succeeded. The Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company, while not directly connected with the Grange, was organized by Grange officers and members and brought life insurance to rural people. The National Grange Mutual Liability Insurance Company organized by the Grange has done and is doing an outstanding job in supplying farmers with automobile insurance at reasonable prices. Joining with the Dairymen's League and the State Farm Bureau Federation, the Grange helped to organize the G. L. F., probably the most successful farm purchasing organization in the world.

All these are only a few Grange achievements—but whenever a great work, institution or an organization is mentioned with their achievements, I like to think of the personalities of the men and women who made that work successful. It has been my privilege to know every Grange Master in New York State for the past 40 years. There was that grand old fire-eating fighter for farmers, Sherman J. Lowell of the Fredonia Grange. Sherman Lowell's dynamic leadership brought him to the position of Master of the National Grange from 1919-23.

One of the most effective Grange leaders was my friend Louis J. Taber. Lou was Master of the National Grange from 1923-41. Before that, he was Master of his own State Grange of Ohio. The respect with which he has always been held by thousands of rural people is indicated by his long term of 18 years, the longest by far ever served by any National Master..

Not satisfied with all these years of service, Lou moved to Syracuse, New York, and for years was President or Chairman



of the Board of Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company. I once asked Lou, when he was 80 years old, what the secret was of his long, healthy life. To this he answered promptly, "Love your work, love your wife and love your God." That is good philosophy and life formula for any man.

When Mr. Lowell's term as State Master ended in 1920, he was followed by William Giles who died in office in 1921. Albert Manning, Master of the New York State Grange from 1921-24, was also Secretary of the Dairymen's League for many years. I worked with Albert, knew him well—and to know him was to love him.

Silas L. Strivings, New York State Master from 1924-28, did a good job and was loved and respected. So was my friend, Fred Freestone, who followed him. Fred and I were both members of the Interlaken Grange where we both learned to love the organization. Raymond Cooper served as the State Master from 1936-40 and was followed by William J. Rich. Both of these men were fine leaders. Apparently, no one can get to the high position of Master of the State Grange without having what it takes.

Henry D. Sherwood, 1944-52, was an outstanding State Master, good enough to have been elected Master of the National Grange if he had wanted it. I always like to see Henry coming, because I can tell by the twinkle in his eye that he has a good story for me. Another sign that Henry is around is his pipe. I guess it is true that most fishermen and pipe smokers are good fellows. It certainly goes for Henry.

Leland D. Smith of Brasher Falls, Master at this writing maintains all the leadership and other fine qualities of those Masters of the State Grange who preceded him. A quiet man, one has to know Leland well and see him in action to appreciate his high courage, his ability, and devotion to the Grange, to farmers and to America.

Fraternally yours,

E. R. Eastman

## A MESSAGE TO ALL READERS

By JAMES A. McCONNELL

Any history of the New York State Grange is bound to be a recital about people, leaders, farm problems and issues affecting rural people, directly or indirectly. Some of these problems and issues were local, many of them statewide, and not a few national in scope.

As I think back over the years about my contacts and first hand knowledge of the problems of rural people and the leaders of the times, I realize what an important part the Grange has played in the agricultural affairs of the Empire State. This has been particularly true in the community, but also has been a vital factor in state matters, and of course the local Grange for many years has been a powerful force in forming public policy at the national level.

I have been rather intimately associated with the Grange for something over forty years. I joined it as a young farmer after my father passed away, and I went home to help my mother with the farm. The local Grange, of which I became a member, was an organization without a home, except as it met in a room set aside for this purpose in the home of the Master. I'll have something more to say of this later.

Some years later I became well acquainted with the Grange leadership in New York State in my work with G. L. F., as well as the leaders in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The fact that the G. L. F. headquarters were at Ithaca, New York, gave me more frequent contact with the New York State Grange leadership.

Through the years I have been impressed with the work of the Grange in many lines, such as, the development of local leadership, a builder of agricultural communities, its work on national problems which affected agriculture, and some that didn't. The Grange has great capacity for discussing and resolving on a broad front. I have been particularly impressed with the sound thinking and leadership of the State Grange leaders in this period.

I have noted particularly the work of the Grange and its effectiveness in the local community. In the rural areas the Community is a formless thing unless the people living in it develop leadership, organizations, goals are set and work is done. This,



of course, is carried on all of the time, but more intensively in the formative period. The Grange has been outstanding in this job of building communities in rural areas.

Grange Halls which, in themselves, were a problem and took lots of effort and work to build and furnish and keep up and maintain, have been the community center for agriculture for as long as I can remember. G. L. F. hardly ever went into a community to hold a meeting but what it got in touch with the Grange ladies for facilities and food. They responded nobly.

I believe there are very few cooperatives, local and statewide, in New York, but what were hammered out in meetings held in Grange Halls of the State and aided by the Grange leadership. In my work as a young field man with G. L. F. I leaned heavily on the Grange leadership in communities, and on the use of the Grange Halls to bring together and organize the sort of thing needed to build a live, going G. L. F. agency.

But above all, in my experience, the Grange has been most effective in building and developing leaders where oftentimes leadership did not appear to be.

I want to recount one instance of local Grange action I saw recently: In my own old home community, where as I said at the beginning, we had no Grange hall, the local Grange had rather a tenuous existence. A few years ago something sparked the younger Grange leadership, and over a period of a very few years, this leadership found the support for laying out and building and financing a modern Grange home. They not only accomplished this in a few years, but paid off the mortgage. The amazing thing to me was how this movement sought out and brought to the front leadership where I had no suspicion that leadership existed. This leadership was young and vital, and of course progressive. It has made a very distinctly better rural community because of its efforts.

I am sure this history will not fail to catch this emphasis on community building, which in my observation, extending back for almost a half century, is one of the great contributions to agriculture that the Grange made.

Fraternally yours,

James A. McConnell





## Chapter 2

### STATE MASTERS

#### GRANGE SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIONS

##### 1. FRED J. FREESTONE

"Each year sees the Grange recognized as never before; each year sees new conditions arising, new problems to face."

The speaker was a tall man with friendly face and great love of the Order. State Master Fred J. Freestone was giving his annual address, Lake Placid, 1934. Listen! He continued: "The Grange in New York State is financially and numerically strong. It is recognized by people in all walks of life as a very powerful farm organization, whose helpful influence reaches into the home, the community, and agricultural life all over the State."

Fred J. Freestone, fruit farmer, and Susan, his wife, joined Lodi Grange No. 213, Seneca County, and later transferred to Interlaken Grange No. 160. To obtain a correct picture, a brief resume of his eight years of leadership is right and proper. No record which began abruptly in the middle of an administration would do either group or leader justice. The History of New York State Grange, Volume 1, by Leonard L. Allen, notes that Fred J. Freestone was chosen State Lecturer February, 1923, following the death of State Lecturer Blanche Alexander, who served from February, 1922 to October, 1922.

At the February, 1923 session, National Master Sherman J. Lowell commended the delegates: "You have elected to the office of State Lecturer a regular peach," he stated, "a Freestone peach."

After one year as State Lecturer he was twice elected Overseer. 1928-35 saw him State Master. 1929-41, he was a member of

the National Grange Executive Committee, and its chairman from November, 1933 to November, 1941. Charles M. Gardner's fine "The Grange-Friend of the Farmer," indicates by dates that Mr. Freestone served twelve years as chairman of that august body, a period not exceeded by any other.

The eight years in which Mr. Freestone headed New York State Grange were signally successful. To a decided degree this was due to his own love of the Grange, his able leadership, and loyal support of Susan, his wife. He had the staunch cooperation of a devoted corps of officers and members, including a closely knit Deputy Association.

In 1931 Mr. Freestone was the recipient of an unsought invitation from Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, to become a member of the newly created New York State Power Authority. Membership added to State Grange prestige, and gave a voice to Agriculture in decisions sure to affect the destiny of farming. He was a Commissioner for eighteen years, when he was tendered a resolution in recognition of long, valuable service, rendered as trustee and also vice-chairman.

As a Director of the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company, Mr. Freestone recently received his 25 year pin. Such recognition of service, and others of like value, were tribute not only to the man, but also to his Grange training and record. Chairman of the New York State Agricultural Conference Board, he was also a member of: Governor's Agricultural Advisory Committee; State Budget Advisory Committee; Governor's Rural Electrification Committee; Rural Electrification Administration; State Rural Electrification Conference Board; National Agricultural Conference Board; Advisory Board of New York State Fair; Executive Committee National St. Lawrence Association; President Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; President National Seaway Council; Director National Grange Insurance Company; Director Wheeler National Bank,—and he declined nomination for Governor of New York on independent ticket in 1930. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, a Past Master of Farmerville Lodge F. & A. M., and past Patron Interlaken Eastern Star Chapter.

At the 1934 Lake Placid session, another Grange member of distinction, Mr. L. R. Simons, Director of Extension in New York State, made this significant comment: "The Grange is deepest in the hearts of the rural people of the State of any Farm Organization." This spirit radiated throughout the Freestone administration; it showed in the growth and development of personality, and consequent ability of the membership to serve Agriculture and the rural community. It was reflected in the measure of esteem in which the Grange was held.



October 17, 1936, Mr. Freestone, in behalf of the National Grange presented to Fredonia Grange No. 1, this tablet:

“Presented by the National Grange  
To Fredonia Grange No. 1  
In recognition of the first working Grange in America;  
Also the first unit in organized Agriculture,  
Organized by Oliver H. Kelley.”

The tablet was unveiled by former State and National Master Sherman J. Lowell, assisted by Miss Edithe Hinckley, granddaughter of George Hinckley, first Master Fredonia Grange. Miss Hinckley and Mr. Lowell were both members of Fredonia Grange No. 1.

In June, 1948, 500 people from 33 counties witnessed State Master Henry D. Sherwood present Fred J. Freestone with his Golden Sheaf Certificate. He received 600 letters from friends throughout the nation. He was awarded for Veteran Service in 1958.

This was the man, who, at his demise July 16, 1961, was currently listed in “Who’s Who in America.”

## **HIS ADMINISTRATION**

**February 1928 — December 1935**

**MEMBERSHIP RECORD:** 7,180 members gained.

**ORGANIZATION:** 47 Granges, organized or reorganized.

**HOME OWNERSHIP:** 200 Granges became home owners. “One of the satisfactions of my stewardship as your State Master has been the increase of Grange Halls in New York State.” He estimated that the six hundred Grange Homes in the Empire State represented an investment of six million dollars.

**GRANGE HALLS DEDICATED:** Over 189.

**SIXTH DEGREE INITIATES:** Totaled 17,248, a number probably never exceeded by any administration anywhere. This large number was attributable in no small degree to the twenty-nine special sessions of 1930, plus the four special sessions of 1934, in preparation for National Grange sessions of those years. It would almost seem that from those years a fragrance as of a rose garden might emanate, that in the memory of those thousands there is a perfume like that of a cherished rose,—symbolic of a flower eternal in their lives.

At each sixth degree session the “Big Drill” was used, to the tune of repeated applause. These drills dated back many years



in State Grange history. Among drill masters were Raymond Hitchings (assisted by Neal Gilmore) and Harold M. Stanley, all of Onondaga County. Edson Walrath, Jefferson County, occasionally substituted. At the 1934 Niagara Falls session, George A. Hauser, Niagara County, officiated well. More than one Patron viewed his partner, usually friend wife, with deep admiration and innate pride. "I wore a dress suit, just think of that,—me, an old farmer! My wife got a snap shot of me in that get-up,—and we have it yet." (Actual quotation.)

Pride in such participation in the beautiful degree may have been contributory to Grange growth in those years. In 1934, Charles M. Gardner, beloved High Priest of Demeter, paid the following high tribute to this unique phase of New York State Grange degree work:

"Seventy-two members were used at each meeting in a sixth degree drill of rare charm and dignity, all the participants in formal evening dress. This was in keeping with the plan used in 1930, which made all the special sessions so successful and was largely responsible for the great class of 11,125 seventh degree initiates at National Grange, Rochester. . . . This was a larger number than ever initiated into any fraternity in a single day."

**DATE OF ANNUAL SESSIONS:** Weary of battling blizzards, wielding snow shovels, and the debatable charm of occasional snow-blocked railways experienced at the annual February session, the delegates at Lake Placid, 1934, voted to hold the next session the following December.

**HONOR GRANGES:** At the December, 1934, Niagara Falls session, New York led the nation with 208 qualified Honor Granges. Eighteen had won this honor for five years, and were Model Granges. A Signal Honor came when New York State Grange was presented with a beautiful altar cloth marked "Model Grange, 1935." State Master Freestone received a gold key, while Mrs. Freestone, State Lecturer Stella Miller and State Secretary Harold M. Stanley were recipients of specially designed gold pins.

**JUVENILE GRANGES:** The very effective County Juvenile corps developed. February, 1928, there were 62 Juvenile Granges with 1,821 members; December, 1935, there were 274 Juvenile Granges, membership 7,759, a notable gain of 212 Juveniles and 5,938 members.

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT:** "One of the outstanding achievements in the past year is the development of Rural Electrification. We would commend our State Master for his ability to further such a good cause." This is a portion of the 1939 session committee report on Master's Address, signed by Ells-

worth Greene, Chairman, of Ontario County, and Howard Woods, Secretary, Erie County.

THREE IMPORTANT MORAL QUESTIONS point out Mr. Freestone's position and that of the State Grange. We quote Mr. Freestone:

OUR HERITAGE: "There is creeping upon the American people a tendency to commercialize and desecrate the Sabbath. This is fostered by large, powerful groups whose income is increased through elimination of Sabbath observance. . . . For more than sixty years the Grange has been the support of the church. . . . Let us not forget that the very life and strength of our nation sprang from an atmosphere of God-fearing men and women. May we ever keep in mind the fact that if America is to endure, she must remain true to her ideals lest she cast away the anchor that holds us fast to liberty."

TEMPERANCE: At the 1933 Geneva session, he emphasized another point for which the Grange has stood consistently: "Our members are proud of the fact that the Grange has always had courage to fight for its principles and ideals, regardless of their popularity. The Grange has from the beginning advocated temperance." In 1934 he added, "Just as it is a true principle that neither nations nor individuals can spend their way out of a depression, so it is equally true that they cannot drink their way out of it. . . . Perhaps the greatest hazard from unlimited supplies of booze is for those who drive cars. In our own National Grange Mutual Company, since repeal of the 18th Amendment, alcohol is involved in 12% of the accidents reported. We must continue to stand as a rock in this matter of temperance. We country people can and must stop it" (drink hazard) "in our own communities."

WE STAND FOR HONESTY: In 1935 he asserted positively: "Almost equally disturbing is the wild craze for gambling which is sweeping the country. . . . it behooves the Grange to maintain its well-known attitude of opposition to every form of dishonesty."

MR. FREESTONE'S CONCEPTION OF THE ORDER: "It must help us to live a well-balanced life, help us solve work-a-day problems, give us something of philosophy, something of humor, and, above all, something to sustain the soul or spirit. As we draw aside the curtain of time for a glimpse into the future, if we but see the guiding hand of the Supreme Master, we will press forward to greater service to agriculture and all mankind, realizing that the Hope of Rural America is the Grange, an organization of the farmers, by the farmers and for the farmers."





## 2. RAYMOND COOPER

A graduate of Fair Haven High School, Raymond Cooper taught school for twelve years, then studied law for one and one-half years with a Syracuse law firm. After this he settled on a fruit, dairy, general purpose farm near Hannibal. He and his wife Edith, a true helpmate in every sense of the word, had deep agricultural interests.

In his own county of Oswego, Raymond Cooper was to be called "Mr. Grange." He first joined North Hannibal Grange No. 672, on February 16, 1900. A worker there and in Oswego Pomona Grange, 1924 saw him Lecturer of New York State Grange, in 1928 State Overseer, from December 1935 through 1939 he was State Master.

While Raymond Cooper was State Lecturer two valuable Grange activities were originated. The first Cornell Short Course for Grange Lecturers was held in April, 1927, and Lecturers who met and studied there will never forget that happy, informative training. The second notable event was the first Middle-Atlantic Grange Lecturers' Conference, held at New Brunswick, New Jersey in August, 1927. Mr. Cooper deserved high commendation for the vision evidenced in the development of these two educational spheres. They gave Lecturers opportunity to widen their viewpoints of the lecture hour potential in Subordinate and Pomona Granges. For years after the School and the Conference first originated, their values were reflected in the quality of Grange work, reports, letters and programs.

Raymond Cooper held county or State Grange office for twenty-nine busy years; no one could ever question his deep love of the Order. Following his service as State Master, he served on the Executive Committee, December 1939-42. Until the 1959 State Grange session he had never missed a New York State Grange regular session since he first took the sixth degree at Poughkeepsie in 1914.



In National Grange Monthly messages he repeatedly expressed his philosophy in life. Since most readers no longer have access to these, we believe portions should be preserved for history. Here are sentences that portray the pride of the true farmer as he tills his land:

"After all, though we need all we can get and more sometimes to meet the farm and home expenses, interest, taxes, etc., isn't the greatest joy in producing a good crop?" Again: "We need to cultivate hope at all times, even as we cultivate our crops. If we do this we are sure to harvest a better crop of happiness than as if we cultivated doubt and fear and distrust. If we can grow to meet all conditions of life with a smile, we shall learn that this is a pretty good world after all, and that our lives, for good or ill, for happiness or unhappiness, are pretty much as we order them."

Raymond Cooper was one to whom fraternity meant much. He expressed his belief that Fraternity has the answer to all the world's problems.

Beside his interest in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, his hobby was a love of poetry, and many of his own friendly rhymes added a pleasing touch to good Grange gatherings. In 1950 his book "Just Scribbles" was published and his many friends prize their copies highly.

"To seek new ways to help the living,  
To be a little kinder day by day,  
a little kinder, more forgiving,  
As we pass along life's way," reflects his philosophy.

In 1957 his many friends of Oswego County honored Mr. Cooper with an "open house", a complete surprise. This delightful event, held at Sandy Creek Grange Hall, featured a memorable "This is Your Life" program. Pomona Lecturer Irma Mattison, of Oswego County, was in charge. Appropriate gifts were presented. Guests numbered over 400, from different sections of the Empire State, and included State Master and Mrs. Leland Smith, State Lecturer Fern Palmer, and other distinguished Grange officers and members.

## **HIS ADMINISTRATION**

**December 1935 — December 1939**

Again we meet the changing challenge of the years, with many shining facets of Grange work. Each State Master has garnered his sheaf of good harvest. Reader, you will find this true of Raymond Cooper.

**MEMBERSHIP:** State Master Cooper's report to the National Grange, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1937, contained these words:

"Our membership drive in April, followed by the National Grange Equality Campaign, brought many hundreds of new members into the Grange. During the year ending June 30th more than ten thousand have been taken into our Subordinate Granges and more than three thousand into our Pomona Granges by initiation, demit, and reinstatement." That same year many Subordinate Granges made a gain of over 25 members, some 50, some 75. One year six new Granges added 400 to the membership.

In 1938 intercounty meetings for ritualistic promotion created much interest. During the four year period 216 Subordinate members earned gold pins for ten or more new members.

GRANGE HALLS DEDICATED: 25 are recorded. State Master Cooper related in the National Grange Monthly the fine dedication of Brookfield Grange No. 1280, one of the seven Subordinate Granges of Nassau-Suffolk Counties. Most of these Patrons lived on large acreage duck or potato farms. Mr. Cooper mentioned the hurricane disaster of 1938, which brought suffering to many Grange members: "Our hearts go out to them, for we have learned in the Grange that we all belong to the great universal brotherhood."

GOLDEN SHEAF CERTIFICATES: 272.

SILVER STAR AWARDS: 5,729.

SIXTH DEGREE: Was conferred on 2,812. In 1937 the Executive Committee voted to discontinue the historic "Big Drill" to provide extra seating space. Beautiful and elaborate rose drills replaced their spectacular forerunners.

HONOR AND MODEL GRANGES: 275 Subordinate and two Pomona Honor Granges. Eleven Subordinates became Model Granges. 347 Juvenile Honor Granges and eleven Model Juveniles were recorded.

CONFERENCES: In 1939 State Master Cooper accompanied State Lecturer Stella Miller and State Juvenile Superintendent Beatrice Kidd around the State for thirty-eight regional conferences. The State Master instructed Grange Masters, and in the evening showed the Dean Vivian (Ohio University) ritualistic slides.

FARM FAMILY VALUES: State Master Cooper, in the September 1939 National Grange Monthly, expressed Grange thought: "We find that we need to place more emphasis on the farm home and the protection of the family-sized farm, if we would save democracy and civilization, for it is in the farm home that we must look for the proper foundation for the best leadership and



citizenship." "The present tendency toward corporation farming, whether it be under the ownership of one individual or a group of individuals, must be curbed. This is a serious matter which should receive the study of Grange folks as well as legislators, but proposals for remedial legislation should come from the Grange and other farm organizations."

TEMPERANCE: "Our Order has always taken a decided stand against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors," State Master Cooper affirmed, "no person can engage in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor, and become or remain a member of the Grange. The Grange should use, in the future, as in the past, all the power of its influence against this greatest of all curses to the human race."

In his 1936 annual address, State Master Cooper gave an excellent statement as regards Grange contribution to the past and promise for the future. "Our farm people have much to be thankful for in the happier life that we enjoy because of the Grange. Its record is one to be proud of. In planning for the future we should ever remember this record as well as the ideals of the Founders of the Order. Let us take for our goals in the days ahead: A broader education including experimentation and greater research along agricultural lines; a constructive legislative program, cooperating with all other farm groups; a greater development of cooperative marketing; a more abiding faith in the soil and in each other; a hope that ever gives us courage to struggle against adversity; a charity that tries to understand, thus developing a fraternal love for all mankind; a fidelity which is ever true and faithful; a spirituality that sees good in all religions."

Howard Geer, Genesee County, 1939 Chairman of the Committee on Master's Address, gave emphasis to Raymond Cooper's service as follows: "Worthy State Master Cooper's loyalty and helpfulness have been greatly appreciated, and we feel sure his advice and cooperation in the future will inspire us to higher goals."

Following an illness of over one year, Raymond Cooper was called to the "Great Grange" on March 7, 1959. As to his service to the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, there is no death.





### 3. WILLIAM JOSEPH RICH

Known to many friends as "Joe," William Joseph Rich, of Salem, joined the Grange in 1907. Former Secretary, then Master of Salem Union Grange No. 1100, in 1925-26 he was Master of Washington County Pomona Grange. 1928-33 saw him Deputy Grange Master, and he and his wife Nan grew close to their friends, Washington County Patrons. Steward of New York State Grange February, 1934 to December 1935, at that Oneonta session he advanced to Overseer. From December, 1939-1943 he served well as State Master. Through this trying period when our Nation was at war, his service was exceptional. A severe attack of influenza prevented his attendance at the 1943 Syracuse State session. Past Master Raymond Cooper read Mr. Rich's annual message; State Grange Overseer Henry Sherwood presided throughout the session.

In 1942 Mr. Rich served as Grange representative on the Agricultural College Council. At the 1943 Grand Rapids National Grange session Mr. Rich, as Priest Hierophant in the Assembly of Demeter, brought honor to the Empire State, and was elected National Grange Chaplain. He held this position through 1945. New York State Grange was enriched by his leadership.

#### HIS ADMINISTRATION

December 1935 — December 1939

During these four years many things occurred that affected Grange and National destiny. It was a time of testing. Freedom itself hung in the balance. Farmers were in the deep shadow of world depression. Machinery, equipment, and farm buildings showed years of wear. Prices were in no way comparable with those of industry. The farmer, too, showed great courage in this time of terrible conflict.

In 1940 State Master Rich pointed out: "In this present emergency the farmer and Patron of Husbandry can be counted upon to do their part in national defense, and in preserving democracy in this land of ours, but we want it distinctly understood that in any defense plan that may be set up, agriculture must be on a parity with labor and industry; without a prosperous agriculture we cannot have a prosperous nation."

In 1941, he stated: "The Grange has not escaped the effect of National Defense. In some cases, Granges have been compelled to move, due to large tracts of land being taken over by the Government. In one case, a Grange forced to move its hall would have surrendered its charter had it not been for Past Master Raymond Cooper, who helped to secure a new site, and arranged for moving the hall. . . . Many Grange officers and members have been drafted, necessitating election of new officers. Thus we have before us the problem to maintain the independence of the farmer, to help him stay in business, meet competition for labor, and give a fair return for his labor and investment. The Grange policy has always been to seek the greatest good for the greatest number. In demanding a fair and reasonable price for farm products divested of all subsidies we believe we are seeking the greatest good for the greatest number."

In 1942: "Besides helping raise the largest crops of food and fibre, members of the Grange have also found time to take an active part in other war and defense activities. In some cases Grange halls have been taken over entirely for the use of the army. Others have been fitted out as airplane lookout stations, first aid and blackout rooms. The Granges of our State have taken an active part in the Scrap Harvest. Tons of scrap were turned in to help win the war."

How much did Granges and Grange members contribute to War Bonds and Stamps? According to a Grange survey, a conservative one-third amount, up to August, 1943, Grange members had invested \$5,547,802.00. There were two more issues of War Bonds that year. In addition, Granges had purchased \$70,327.00, and the Revolving Scholarship Fund, \$10,000.

CHANGE IN SESSION DATE: State Master Rich continuously advised a change in the annual session from December to the latter part of October. "Thus any resolutions passed by the State Grange could be presented the following month at the annual National Grange session," whereas formerly they had to wait a year before reference to the higher body, a weak policy. State Secretary Stanley also reaffirmed this:

"We have been sending our State Master as Delegate from this great State with material which has grown out of date when



the time finally came to present it. We have had the cart ahead of the horse long enough." The question was debated thoroughly for nearly a decade before adoption.

**SEVENTH DEGREE SESSION:** In 1940, the 74th annual National Grange session was held in the Lincoln Auditorium, Central High School, Syracuse. 5,256 candidates took the impressive seventh degree in Loew's State Theatre. It was conferred four times. Charles M. Gardner was High Priest of Demeter, Fred J. Free-stone Priest Interpreter.

"State Master Rich and his associate State officers exerted themselves to the utmost," reported the National Grange Monthly, "to assure the comfort and happiness of their guests." This included a banquet tendered the National Grange officers, in "genuine get-to-gether spirit."

During the convocation of the Assembly of Demeter, the members were shown an almost priceless heirloom in the form of the Masonic certificate which Oliver Hudson Kelley carried with him on his historic trip to the South after the Civil War, and also during the early, trying organization days when his faith and courage brought about the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Accompanying this was a letter from Francis M. McDowell, Priest of Demeter and Grange Founder from New York, to Miss Caroline Hall, in which the title of Ceres was first conferred upon that fine young woman to whom all members are indebted, since it was she who first requested that women be admitted to membership on an equal basis.

During the National Grange Memorial service, tribute was paid to Sherman J. Lowell, Past New York State Grange Lecturer, and Master, Master of the National Grange and member of the United States Tariff Commission under President Calvin J. Coolidge.

**CHANGE IN RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION:** In 1940, the result of delegate action of 1939, resolutions were printed for the first time, so delegates could have copies and therefore act with more understanding when questions came to a vote. This had been under consideration for several years, and we believe the plan has since been adopted by other State groups as sane procedure.

**MEMBERSHIP:** June 30, 1943, showed a gain in members, due largely to the effort made by all officers. "Early in the year our State got back of National Master Albert Goss" plan for 'Every officer get a member.' The gain shows conclusively that there are large numbers of eligible members who can be brought into the Grange." Membership totaled 128,515.



SIXTH DEGREE INITIATES: There were 5,860.

SILVER STAR CERTIFICATES: 5,296.

GOLDEN SHEAF: 454 were awarded.

ORGANIZATION AND REORGANIZATION: 16, which made a total of 893 Granges in the State.

GRANGE HALLS DEDICATED: 26. State Master Rich commented. "It is interesting to note the many kinds of buildings, ranging all the way from padlocked roadhouses, abandoned milk plants and railroad stations to schools and churches that have been made over into useful and attractive Grange Halls. It seems to me that if a church is to be abandoned as such, it can be put to no better use than to make it into a Grange Hall. No Grange should be content until it owns a home of its own."

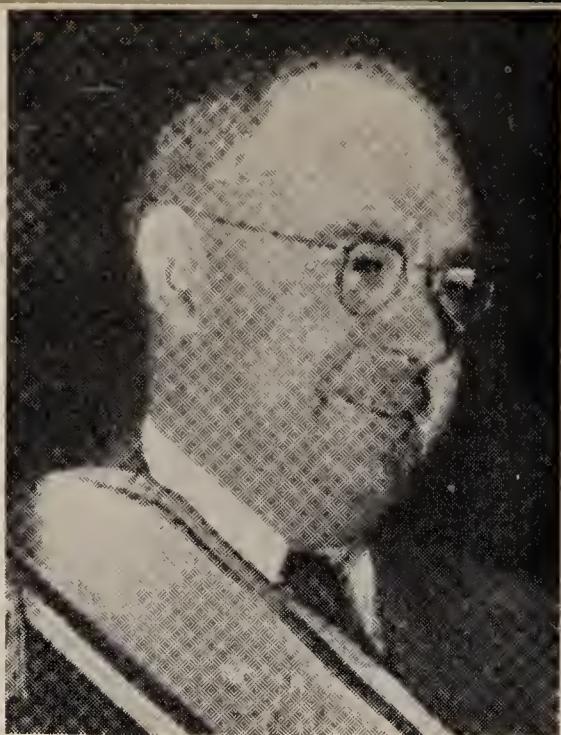
SEVEN POINT PROGRAM: advised by State Master Rich in his final address included: Building membership; paying off debt on the modern National Grange Headquarters, Washington, D. C.; continuation of war cooperation, production of food, fibre, feed, Victory Gardens; continuation of Grange ritualism and Fraternity, and encouragement of Education .

GRANGE IDEALS: In one of his annual messages, State Master Rich gave the following, worthy of our thought today: "In these modern days when so many of the ideals and institutions that our fathers held sacred are being shattered or undermined by the world at large, we as Patrons have an important duty to perform in seeing that the ideals upon which the Grange is founded shall be maintained."

This was the close of his final report:

"I bring you no message graced  
With wonders I have done;  
No great achievement can I show  
At this year's set of sun.

Perhaps I've erred in judgment,  
Have not clearly seen the way;  
Yet I'm sure you'll judge me kindly  
By what I've tried to do each day."



#### 4. HENRY D. SHERWOOD

"Thousands of people living in rural areas and producing the life-giving food of the world need the Grange," said Henry D. Sherwood, State Master, in a 1946 National Grange Monthly. "With the rapid growth of all other groups we must build our own reliable, independent Grange to the strongest possible position, by working together and bringing more people into the Grange."

What type of man is Henry D. Sherwood, of Pine Plains? Where do his roots lie? In what soil did they flourish? The Sherwood family migrated in 1893 from Fairfield, Connecticut to their 137 acre farm in Dutchess County. Mr. Sherwood no longer farms actively, but they still live in their lovely farm home. A farmer, in the April, 1946, National Grange Monthly, he said:

"It is always good to see the first grass and earliest dandelion. The new grass coming to life after the long, hard winter seems like a symbol of Easter, and the new life we have been promised at the close of our days on earth."

He had farmer bouts with the weather. "It has seemed sometimes as if we just could not get our work done on the farm—the fields were so wet and muddy. "A farmer, this.

Where did his Grange life take root? The boy Henry lived one year with his grandparents. "Because they were members there," he joined Millerton Grange No. 796. Later, by demit he joined his parents' Grange, Jackson Corners No. 905, "because it was their Grange." He used to help Frank Lacy, Dutchess County Agent, to show slides, etc. "It was Frank," Mr. Sherwood added, "who encouraged me to compete for a \$50.00 State Grange Scholarship in 1920. I won one of the twelve scholarships then offered, and went to Cornell 1920-221 for the winter short course. It could be that if Mr. Lacy had not mentioned Grange scholar-



ships I would never have been as interested in Grange as I have been throughout the years."

In 1921 Mr. Sherwood joined Pine Plains Grange No. 803, which his wife Thelma joined. Secretary, then Master of Pine Plains, in 1932-36 Dutchess County Pomona Grange Master, at the 1935 Oneonta State session, Mr. Sherwood became State Grange Steward. 1939-43 he was Overseer, then 1943-51, State Master. In 1945 he was elected National Grange Overseer. Following the demise of National Master Albert Goss, October 25, 1950, he fulfilled the duties of National Grange Master until the November election. Henry Sherwood filled every office capably, with a record that lent lustre to our Order. He had every qualification of a fine National Grange Master.

His contemporaries witness the type of man. The National Grange Monthly recounts the stories: February, 1944, Pine Plains Grange celebrated his election as State Master. Dutchess County tendered a reception with 400 present. Attorney Benton R. Frost, toastmaster, characterized the honor guest as: "An ideal man to head our great State organization in these trying times. He has the heritage of a fine American family. He is honest, sincere, slow to anger, a true friend, and enjoys the respect of his community and State."

Dutchess County Judge Gordon J. Flannery described Mr. Sherwood: "A real American, devoting his time and energy that America will survive regardless of any isms of any other country, a man who is running his end as the constitutional government wants it run."

"Our State Master is certainly an early bird! If you have ever had the good fortune to travel with him you will not need to worry about oversleeping, for he will get you up in time to milk, and you will never miss that early train!" Harold M. Stanley testified in the National Grange Monthly. Other Executive Committee members agreed with a chuckle.

A member of the State Grange Executive Committee 1952-57, Mr. Sherwood also served as Assistant to State Master Leland D. Smith. He gave twenty-two years as a builder of our New York State Farm, the Grange. As Chairman of the State Executive Committee of CROP, and Regional Director of CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM, he put in many hours. His wife, Thelma, was a member of the National Grange Home Economics Committee.

## **HIS ADMINISTRATION**

**December 1943 — October 1951**

The epoch of World War II had developed into an era of world shaking events. Mysterious Yalta, seedbed of troubles;



Europe and the Far East in tumult and turmoil, each to bear physical and spiritual scars for generations; tragic Hiroshima, where Science bore on the tip of its sceptre an atom, laden with terror and potential good to mankind; World War II at an end, but in its trail the phantom of World War III haunting the world; millions of starving, and the finger of the unthinking pointing to the weary food producer, the farmer, as villain and scapegoat—these were among the factors of those years. There were surpluses and subsidies, strikes and shouting, forty-nine nations at San Francisco to form the United Nations. There was the veto curse of the Security Council, the erection of the U. N. Building in New York, secret agents and subversive elements, Communism versus Christianity, the age old struggle of the forces of evil against the army of good to mankind.

During those years State Master Sherwood and his officer staff held grave deliberations. There were unforgettable achievements which were not due to helter-skelter beginnings or haphazard methods. Mr. Sherwood and helpers kept in mind the ultimate good of rural people. Of necessity they agreed with Abraham Lincoln, "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. We must think and act anew."

"Nineteen hundred forty-five," stated Mr. Sherwood in his annual report at Rochester, "is the year which historians of all times will rank high among important dates in the history of mankind. Into a world of strife there has been ushered a new era—that of atomic energy. Future historians unquestionably will rank the atomic era with the stone age, the iron age, the age of steam and electricity. In considering our everyday problems they become dwarfed in the shadow of a new and frightening force. Perhaps never before have we needed Divine guidance as we need it today. We must pray that the power which we have wrested from Nature will make us humble, not boastful or arrogant. We must resolve to use that power for good, not evil. God give us wisdom to use it wisely."

**SUBSIDIES:** Mr. Sherwood summarized the Grange position: "Why should we ask future generations to pay the food bill of our present day? Why not develop a sound system of price structure for farm commodities and put an end to this present day unsound reasoning? The Grange will use all influence possible to defeat the subsidy policy and will fight for the establishment of a sound policy of cost of production plus a reasonable profit. . . . Farm organizations have battled continuously to have prices on a par with the prices of industry and the prices received by labor . . . .Government agencies have seemed to prefer a subsidy payment rather than a price based upon cost of production. The farmer, due to inadequate prices, has been forced to accept

these subsidy payments, but has done so under protest as the principle involved is unsound and places a heavy burden on future tax-paying generations."

**FACTOR IN UNDERSTANDING:** "I like to think that during those eight years we had a wonderful cooperation from the other farm organizations. We began our annual State Grange Farm Dinner. State Farm groups leaders were invited to this dinner sponsored by the State Grange; we felt this was one of the events that helped bind our groups together."

**MEMBERSHIP:** June 30, 1951,—143,088; a gain of 14,773 in eight years.

**GRANGES ORGANIZED OR REORGANIZED:** 16; a total of 891 Granges.

**SIXTH DEGREE INITIATES:** 8,188 in eight regular and five special sessions. At Saratoga Springs, 1946, there were 1,635 candidates, the **LARGEST SIXTH DEGREE CLASS IN GRANGE HISTORY!** What a class!

**GOLDEN SHEAF:** 1,183.

**SILVER STAR:** 12,025.

**SEVENTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP:** At least four received awards: Frank A. Dorman, Ontario County, originator of the Dorman Award to member of longest membership; Mrs. Olive Dean, and Miss Fannie E. Brodie, both of Genesee County, and Leonard L. Allen, former State Historian, Jefferson County.

**COUNTY WIDE INITIATIONS:** In twelve meetings, held in Orange County, Ontario County, Livingston, Chautauqua, Delaware, Erie, Orange-Rockland, Otsego, Monroe and in Fredonia Grange No. 1, 1,364 new members were added to our Order.

**STATE MASTER SHERWOOD WAS A GUEST** of several groups, including the Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation, in New York City, and a meeting of the New York State Sheriff's Association, Utica.

**NOTEWORTHY PEOPLE AND EVENTS OF THE SHERWOOD ERA:** On December 13, 1944, the Pomona Masters' Association was organized. Howard Hill, Orleans County, was first President; Nehemiah Andrews, Orange County, first Vice-President; and Clyde Hitchcock, Chenango County, Secretary-Treasurer.

**PULPWOOD PROGRAM:** Farm leaders of New York State met as guests of "The Periodical Publishing Association of America." Purpose, correction of the serious shortage of pulpwood for paper mills. Committee appointed to head up the program: W. J. Rich and Leland D. Smith, Promotional Directors of the Project, 1944.



A PERIOD OF SUSPENSE developed when for months it was uncertain that the annual State Session could be held. In late fall, 1945, the Office of Defense Transportation lifted the ban on travel so that large groups could attend conferences. Grange members drew a breath of relief.

THE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY of New York State Grange was fittingly observed at Oswego December 9 through 12, 1947.

JULY 24, 1948 was a RED LETTER DAY: Pawling Grange No. 831 helped entertain 75 farm editors called in conference by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, member of Pawling Grange. A tour of the Dewey farm; a three hour conference in the Grange Hall, and a delicious Grange luncheon kept visitors busy. National Chaplain Joseph Fichter, Ohio; Paul Sanders, Master Virginia State Grange and Editor "Southern Planter,"; William A. Ayers, managing Editor National Grange Monthly; Harry Graham, Editor Indiana Grange News; Fred Bailey, Editor "Washington Farm Reporter"; Senator George Aiken of Vermont, and Representative Clifford Hope of Kansas were among guests. The editors represented 16,000,000 rural subscribers.

JUNE 24, 1949: Officers of New York State Grange unveiled a bronze tablet in honor of Francis Marion McDowell, on the farm, Wayne, Yates County, which was his birthplace in 1831. One of the Seven Founders of the Order, Mr. McDowell was National Grange Treasurer for twenty-one years. It was upon his suggestion that the Seventh Degree was built, and he contributed many ideas for it. He was a Yates County fruit farmer.

DATE TO REMEMBER: August 19, 1950, E. Carroll Bean, High Priest of Demeter, Winterport, Maine, gave an impressive talk to a large audience in the stately Grange Temple, Chautauqua State Park. This Temple was the scene of many annual activities, including picnics where from 500 to 1000 Grange members often gathered.

YOUR FLAG presentatiton changed at the 1951 Syracuse Session, when the Pledge of Allegiance was authorized to follow presentation at the Altar.

SERIOUS WARNING against the creeping, insidious evils of socialism was given by State Master Sherwood in his annual report. He regretted that even some farmers were falling for ideas of the welfare state. "Socialized medicine, compulsory health insurance, federal aid to education and many others are being wrapped up in attractive bundles and the non-thinking are tempted to them all." He added a warning against the Brennan Plan. "What price freedom? That grand old hymn, 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic', closes with these familiar lines, 'As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,'. They are

wonderful lines, but let us change them to conform with our thinking of today— 'As He died to make men Holy, let us live to make men Free.' ”

In his final report, 1951, he urged “greater interest in the welfare of our local and community religious organizations. Church attendance, as I observe it, is far from being what it should be. For some reason or other people neglect their Church both in attendance and financial support. The Church stands out as the guiding light for a civilized world. America was built and grew to a prosperous nation because its people followed the teachings of the Great Teacher of Galilee. The pioneer made religion a part of his life. The real purpose of the Church still exists. It is the one organization we should support above all others. We, in the Grange, recognize the value of religion, and should, wherever possible, give all the aid we can to the promotion of the Rural Church.”

That this administration was a power for rural good none can question.





#### 4. LELAND D. SMITH

Residents of this State may point with pride to agricultural leader, North Country Leland D. Smith. An alumnus of St. Lawrence University, he owns a 400 acre farm, formerly dairy and maple sugar acreage, near Brasher Falls.

In 1930, Mr. Smith was Master of Bombay Grange No. 924. A year later he was the head of Franklin County Pomona Grange. 1934-38 saw him Deputy State Master, then State Grange Executive Committee member. In 1946 he was elected State Grange Overseer, and in October, 1951, he became State Grange Master, the first, out of nineteen who have headed our State Grange in its 88 years, to be elected for the fifth two-year term. Well versed in Roberts' Rules of Order, he is an excellent presiding officer, and his rendition of the Sixth Degree Ritual is flawless. His wife, Florence, has rendered gracious and efficient assistance in Grange affairs.

An imposing array of responsibilities has rested on his shoulders: State Master Smith has been a member of: State Education Commission on Redistricting of Schools; President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee on Education; State Senator Van Lare's Commission on Water Use and Rights; State Senator Milmoie's Conservation Commission; the State Soil and Conservation Commission, and the Forest Products Production Commission. He has served as a member of the New York University Council, the Agricultural Council of Cornell University, and the Council for the Agricultural and Technical Institute, Canton. He is President of the New York State Rural Safety Council, and Chairman of the North Country Development Committee in the interests of Agriculture.

Mr. Smith is a Director of: National Grange Insurance Company, Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company and Empire Livestock Cooperative. In 1953 he was elected Treasurer of the National Grange, which position he still holds.

In 1955, Mr. Smith represented the State Grange on the important State-wide Committee on Youth and Delinquency, and in the words of Mr. Smith: "The thinking of the Grange that has been injected there has had a direct bearing on changing legislation in that field."

In 1957, as Grange representative, Mr. Smith was appointed spokesman for Agriculture on the New York Joint Legislative Committee on State Economy, created to give consideration to the total economy of the State. Agricultural skills, training, farm modernization and interests entered into its consideration.

In 1958 State Master Smith was one of the judges in the "Top-Ten" Community Service award contestants in the Nation. In 1960, he was elected Chairman of the New York Conference Board of Farm Organizations.

It was also in 1960 that Mr. and Mrs. Smith were recipients of a silver tea set presented by Juvenile Granges of the State, at the dedication of the Leland D. Smith Juvenile Forest near Malone.

William Shakespeare wrote: "And one man in his time plays many parts," which reminds us of the manifold demands and alert devotion required of every State Master, nor do they receive high monetary reward. Leland D. Smith, like his predecessors, spends himself in untiring service not only for rural people, but for the general public good. In this relation we quote Carlyle: "All work is as seed sown. It grows and spreads, and sows itself anew."

## **HIS ADMINISTRATION**

**October 1951 — October 196-**

**MILES TRAVELED** annually by the State Master, on Grange work, average 38,000.

**SIXTH DEGREE INITIATES:** During the first eight years, 8,930 received this beautiful degree. There were nine regular sessions, five special sessions in 1952, prior to National Grange session at Burlington, Vermont, and seventeen before the 1956 Rochester session of the higher body.

**SIVER STAR:** 1952-60, 13,364. As of October, 1960 a grand total of 52,768 issued in New York State, 25 year membership.

**GOLDEN SHEAF:** 3,404, including Past State Master Fred J. Freestone and Dean Liberty Hyde Bailey, outstanding contributors to rural good. The grand total of such fifty year members was 5,642.



RESEARCH WAS EMPHASIZED with a triple-headed motive:

1. To move farm products and thus increase return to the farmer on commensurate base with other industries, and to find new uses for farm crops.
2. To cooperate with the National Grange in building a better foreign market without disrupting our own price level, and, when practical, reduce tariffs to stimulate trade.
3. To use that most powerful weapon, Food, to help win the fight against Communism.

CIVIC WELFARE AND GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMY were deemed important; careful scrutiny of expenditure of public funds urged; action demanded for elimination of excess governmental expenditures, in accord with Hoover Commission recommendations.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE was favored rather than public enterprise, for which the taxpayer always pays the piper.

DAYLIGHT SAVING opposed as costly and unfair to food producer.

PROMOTION OF UNDERSTANDING advocated through Rural-Urban and Farm-City Open House.

RURAL SAFETY COUNCIL: In response to a call from New York State Grange, representatives of leading rural groups interested in rural safety met for a day-long meeting. The Rural Safety Council was organized, with a program to give special attention to the Grange-backed project of Driver Training in Schools, as well as other vital safety plans for farm, in home, and on highway.

BETTER COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM: That the public and our membership may be better informed as to our policy as regards taxation, legislation, education, conservation and the upbuilding of youth, an advance was made in this line at the 1960 Watertown session, when the delegates voted to increase dues to enable the Grange to publish the "Empire State Granger." The first issue, for January-February, showed the personnel to be comprised of: Leland D. Smith, Master and Editor; Editorial Board, Clarence E. Johncox, Chairman; Russell S. Curtis, Leonard M. Fuller, Morris J. Halladay, Harold M. Stanley. Robert Eastman, Managing Editor. The first number was crammed full of interesting items. We mention briefly a few: Theme for '61, Neighborliness; Mrs. Anna Colgrove, 73 year member of Ulysses Grange No. 419, voted in 1960; Richard Thorne, Monroe County, is the 1961 President of the Pomona Masters' Association; Francis and Rosemary Foy, Denmark Grange members, presented the antique School bell to Grace Episcopal Church, Copenhagen. Fine

messages from State officers and National Master all added significant values.

**EDUCATION:** The Grange record for educational progress continued. In 1954, an interdepartmental committee for interchange of counsel and suggestion through the Bureau of Agricultural Education, Department of Education and Pomona Grange Masters, resulted in Regional meetings. These gave consideration to centralization and super-centralization of districts. In 1955 Mr. Smith represented the State Grange at a meeting of the New York State Committee of the White House on Education. Fundamental facts on Federal Aid to Education, shortage of teachers, expansion of courses, extra-curricular activities, need for more tax money and how to get it, were discussed.

**FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION OPPOSED:** "Education is a function for which the primary responsibility rests with local and State governments. The intrusion of the national government on a major scale would destroy a fundamental right," said State Master Smith.

**FARM POLICIES AND RURAL THOUGHT** questionnaire was sent by the National Grange with State Grange cooperating. County committees were set up by Pomona Masters, area meetings held jointly by Grange and Extension Service. All Granges participated.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM** of the National Grange was endorsed and received full cooperation.

**NATIONAL GRANGE MONTHLY**, formerly on subscription basis, in 1955-59 was sent free to all members; in 1960, returned to the subscription basis.

**RITUALISM:** Any shortening of our beautiful ritual was definitely opposed, and such recommendation made to the National Grange. The recommendation was made that the fourth degree pin be presented to all new fourth degree members.

**LONG TERM AGRICULTURAL PLANNING** was recommended, to give permanency to the farm family farm, seriously threatened by integration practices. At the 1959 Elmira State session, State Master Smith presented the matter of the "insidious creeping paralysis which has attacked family-owned-and-operated farm units." As a result, Elmira delegates authorized the State Master to name a long "Long Range Agricultural Planning Committee." Appointed at the December Executive Committee meeting, the following comprised this committee: Donald Townsend, Rhineback; Frank Beneway, Ontario; Stanley Earl, Unadilla; Clayton White, Stow; Merton Dean, Bergen; Leland Smith, Brasher Falls. The directive was to study the effect of the present trends in



agriculture, to make every effort toward security of efficient individual enterprise agriculture, to "fight for the survival of the "Working Farmer."

THE WORKING FARMER holds cooperative membership assured by affidavit, has management responsibility and personal financial risk, employs not more than three outside of family, has definitely no Union relationship, and would be exempt from Labor Laws, whereas

BIG AGRICULTURE may have contractual relations with Cooperatives but no membership privilege, may have unlimited employees, should be open to Labor Laws, with anti-trust laws to prevail, and employees with right to unionization.

WARNING: In his graphic report to the 1960 Watertown session, Mr. Townsend emphasized: "The Committee believes that Government subsidy and support to the various segments of our country's economy are unwise and in general should be discouraged . . . The elimination of the Working Farmer as a measure of efficient food production will allow actual and new production costs to be fully expressed in sizable increases in consumer food costs."

While the real contribution of Agricultural Extension was applauded, it was urged that Extension Service tend toward retention of the Working Farmer rather than encouragement of Big Agriculture. The Committee stressed research for improved quality rather than increased surplus. "In general, surplus agricultural production in the United States depresses agricultural income and makes no favorable contribution to the welfare of the American Farmer. . . . We also believe that there is a fast approaching limit to attrition of Working Farmers, a limit beyond which it will be difficult to efficiently serve Working Farmers even through cooperative effort."

"It is our firm belief," said Chairman Townsend, "that cooperatives as a strong third element in our national economy make irreplaceable contribution to the free, democratic process of our Country. . . . We are confident that cooperative effort can cope with any real factors tending to disadvantage the Working Farmer."

State Master Smith described this Committee as "a very important and hard-working committee."

In April, 1961, the State Grange Executive Committee issued an effective summary which was mailed to all Grange Masters. "The Grange will be the first to recognize and applaud any effort toward the survival of the Working Farmer. We cannot ignore our moral obligation to speak up where we feel abuses occur within Agricultural endeavor," was its conclusion.

MODERN PRESENTATION of important subjects was introduced at the 1960 Watertown session through graphs and slides illustrative of dairy promotion, of Barge Canal values, etc.

GRANGE STRENGTH continued through its program built from the ground up, from Subordinate through higher units. This is democracy in action, our Grange heritage, as the idea or idealism of the Subordinate member grows to fruition through resolution presented finally in State Session, debated in committee and also from the floor before action. State Master Smith voiced approval: "This is as it should be if we are to preserve the God given freedoms upon which this country is founded."

POTENT, EFFECTIVE TEACHERS at the annual Grange Leadership schools include both Mr. and Mrs. Smith. State Master Smith's pupils rarely miss a scheduled class, even though selective rather than mandatory, and equally high esteem attends Mrs. Smith's classes.

WISE ADVICE is found in State Master Smith's annual reports. We give brief excerpts:

"Founded at the outset as a family organization, the Grange has never deviated from that principle and is the only organization that can rightfully claim that title. . . .Never before in the history of our organization have we needed a large membership so much to speak for people interested in agriculture, never have we needed the principles that the Grange teaches of service to our fellow beings, to country and to God as much as today; never before have we needed the all around opportunities that the Grange offers to help young people as we do now."

"The need for more and better research is a must. It would seem to me that the Grange should adopt a three point program in this field which would assure: First, an abundant supply of food and fibre at reasonably stable prices that would enable an efficient farmer to make a good living. Second, less dependence upon government appropriations and more upon market paying value for goods received. Third, provision of a formula for converting stocks in government storage into food and fibre."

"We should remind ourselves that the most important fields in which we work are the fields of human minds. It is there that ideas are born and progress made, and only as we contribute of ourselves to each other through the power of cooperation and organization will we be able to maintain our rightful place in this great American Democracy. . . .Ours is a country of free men and women where personal liberty is cherished as a fundamental right, but the price of its continued possession is untiring alertness. . . . Our challenge is great. May we meet it as we should by following the teachings and guidance of the great Master of us all."



## Chapter 3

### HIGH FIDELITY RECORD

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is the most important committee in the annals of New York State Grange. Its members have been men of foresight and authority. Well-educated, cognizant of abilities and viewpoints of others, each has stood on his own feet four-square for the good of Agriculture and the welfare of our New York State Farm, the Grange.

During this period of Grange history, thirteen men have served as Executive Committee members. They have co-operated with the State Master, and have been ably assisted by the Secretary and Overseer as members Ex Officio.

Plato said: "Only he is free who realizes the divine order within himself, the true standard by which a man can steer and measure himself." The members of this committee have been marked by that freedom by which each has been enabled to "steer and measure himself", and hold true to the pattern of freedom set by the Founders of our Order.

By such dimensions these dedicated men, while human like the rest of us, have gone far beyond the little hills of personal ambition and petty jealousies to the steeper Grange heights. Beyond themselves they have visioned the greater good of our Grange Farm. Open-minded to the boundless acres to which we hold title, they have likewise proved fair-minded to the welfare of those outside our gates who nevertheless "diligently scrutinize each act."

We have listed these men chronologically with a brief background snap-shot. Each has his own treasure trove of Grange contribution, the details of which are barely hinted here.

NO.1. EDSON J. WALRATH, hometown, Evans Mills, was a former Jefferson County Deputy. When Ira Sharp, Lowville, 25 year Chairman of the Executive Committee, died in 1921, a worthy successor was found in Edson J. Walrath. Mr. Walrath was Chairman 1924-39, sixteen years. He was President of the Board of Directors of the Evans Mills Bank. 1922-46 he represented New York State Grange on the G. L. F. Board of Directors, was Secretary-Treasurer for thirteen years, as well as Vice-President of the G. L. F. Holding Corporation. A member of the National Grange Mutual Liability Board of Directors, he was also Secretary-Treasurer of the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance

Company. In 1931 Governor Franklin Roosevelt appointed Mr. Walrath to the Governor's Commission on Housing and Home Building. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

After his death, May 12, 1949, State Master Henry Sherwood said: "Edson Walrath was admired and loved by all. Loyal and true to the things he believed in, he loved to work with people. A staunch supporter of the church, a good business man, his advice and counsel were always the best. His many friends will mourn his passing. His spirit will live on."

NO. 2. E. REYNOLDS FARLEY, Goshen, in 1918-19 Master, 1936-60 Treasurer of Hamptonburgh Grange No. 950, he is a Golden Sheaf member. 1928-29 Orange County Deputy Grange Master, in 1930 he was Pomona Master. From 1930-35 he served on the State Grange Executive Committee. In 1933, Governor Herbert Lehman presented his certificate at the "Master Farmer" banquet at Cornell University, February Farm and Home Week.

E. Reynolds Farley married Grace Tuthill. They had six children of whom five are living. He "has settled down to enjoy his work, his family and six grandchildren." He has given much to the Grange, our State Farm.

NO.3. GEORGE RITTER of Edmeston, for five years Master of Wharton Valley Grange No. 991, in 1920-21 and 1924-25 he was Otsego County Deputy. He organized nine Otsego Granges, and three outside that county. 1928-32 he was State Grange Gatekeeper; 1932-35 an Executive Committee member. Serious eye trouble prevented further service in the forefront of Grange work. On his 60th birthday, 500 Grange members gave him a party. He heard from forty Granges. In 1959, when 84 years young, he wrote: "I still remain active, and am able to be of a little service to others, which has been my life ambition."





No. 4. DAVID C. KIDD, is owner of a 211 acre dairy-sheep-general purpose farm near Dansville. In Dansville Grange No. 178 he was Lecturer 1913-14, Secretary 1920, Master 1917-18 and 1921-22; in 1924-25 he was Steward Livingston County Pomona, 1927-36 Deputy. In 1931 he organized Hunt Grange No. 1512. A member of the State Grange Executive Committee 1935-43, 1944-47 placed him in the State Grange Overseer's chair, and then his service as a member of the Executive Committee was considered so valuable that he was returned to this responsible post, and served until 1959. David Kidd was the first Overseer to act as a member ex officio of the Executive Committee.

At the 1956 Buffalo session, State Master Leland D. Smith expressed appreciation of this Patron's untiring Grange zeal: "I want to pay special tribute to the Chairman of our Executive Committee, David Kidd, who had charge of all the arrangements for the special session trip. There just wasn't one thing that was overlooked, and everything went along without a hitch. Dave deserves our wholehearted thanks for his untiring efforts."

In 1959 Mr. Kidd served his twenty-third year out of forty-eight years of Grange service in some official capacity, including representation on the Council of Rural Education.

In his 1947 annual report, Mr. Kidd spoke of the closing year: "Its last record is being written; its books will soon be closed—and its balance carried forward. . . The influence of its passing days will also be carried forward; each year strikes an inevitable balance for good or ill. If we build into each new year augmented loyalty to our Grange, cooperation with our officers, joyous development of our spiritual life, and sincere service to mankind, a Happy New Year is assured."

At the 1959 Elmira session, the State Grange presented David and Beatrice Kidd with gifts in token of his twenty-fifth year of State Grange contribution.



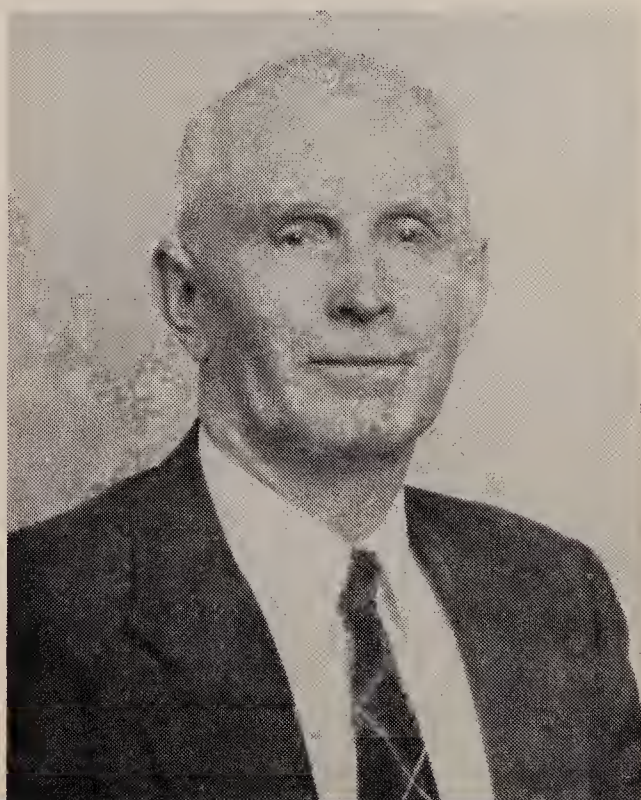
No. 5. Frank J. Riley, Sennett: Originally a farmer, former Secretary Weedsport Grange No. 995, charter member of Sennett Grange No. 1054, its Secretary for 35 years, he attained fifty-two years of Grange loyalty, and his wife, Grace, was a Grange worker. 1912-14 Frank Riley was State Grange Assistant Steward; 1914-20, Steward, 1920-34 he carried the Secretary's arduous duties. We are told "it took a two-ton truck, well loaded, to transfer records, supplies and equipment from Sennett to Skaneateles, their new home. 1935-38 he was a member of the Executive Committee. His demise occurred November 8, 1958. He had many friends, for his was always a smiling face.

No. 6. LELAND D. SMITH, Brasher Falls, 1939-46.

No. 7. RAYMOND COOPER, Hannibal, 1939-42.

No. 8. CLARENCE E. JOHNCOX, Corfu: With his son he owns and operates a 340 acre dairy farm, purebreds, and raises beans, wheat and canning crops. In 1934 he was Genesee County Pomona Master; 1937-40, County Deputy; 1943-51 Executive Committee Member; 1951-53 State Grange Steward; 1953-57 Overseer, then returned to this post of trust he filled so very well. In 1954 Governor Thomas E. Dewey appointed Mr. Johncox a delegate to represent Agriculture at President Eisenhower's Highway Safety Conference, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Johncox represented the State Grange at Ithaca in the first organization meeting of the Empire Livestock Marketing Cooperative, of which he is Vice-President. He is serving his fifth term as President of the Niagara Frontier Cooperative Milk Producers Bargaining Agency; he is Chairman of Governor Rockefeller's Milk Committee, and in 1959 took a flying trip to five European countries where he studied the dairy business. He is a Director of the Manufacturers' and Farmers' Trust Company, Corfu. His wife, Margaret, is a loyal co-worker and Grange enthusiast.





No. 9. WILLIAM JOSEPH RICH, Salem, December 1943-49.

No. 10. CLYDE HITCHCOCK, Bainbridge, was Master Chenango Pomona Grange 1945-46; Deputy Grange Master 1946-49, a member of the State Executive Committee 1949-52. 1951-53 saw him Master of Algonquin Grange No. 1570; in 1958 its Lecturer, 1959-60 its Secretary. Oliver Hudson Kelley once wrote: "We have a glorious work before us and must be active." Mr. Hitchcock is among the loyal Patrons who realize that activity in the Subordinate is a prerequisite to the glory possible in our Grange Farm. Keeping on working is a must.

No. 11. HENRY D. SHERWOOD, Pine Plains, 1951-57.

No. 12. LEONARD M. FULLER, **Edwards**, lives on his farm and is a rural mail carrier,—hobby, the **skills** of a television technician. Formerly he raised sheep, owned a herd of high producing cows, and operated a large sugarbush. Because of lack of help the herd was sold; land is now used for grazing and hay production. Master of Edwards Grange No. 968, 1935-37 and 1959-60; St. Lawrence County Pomona Master 1941-43; Deputy Master 1945-52, in October 1952 he was elected State Executive Committee member, and is serving his third term. While Deputy, Nicholville Grange No. 797 and Fort Jackson Grange No. 537 chartered two buses and journeyed to Edwards Grange to surprise their faithful leader. The National Grange Monthly, in telling this incident, stated that for once the good Deputy was speechless. It was also while Deputy that Harold Arthur, Master of Vermont State Grange, requested State Master Leland D. Smith to send someone to Vermont to conduct his Deputy Master School. State Master Smith sent Leonard Fuller. Jean Fuller, his wife, a former Juvenile Grange Deputy is very active in home, County and State Granges, and they are faithful in their church work.



Mr. Fuller is Past Master of Wildwood Lodge No. 477 F. & A.M. He has served on Central School Board and is active in Community affairs.

During World War II he was awarded three Citations by the U. S. Treasury Dept. for selling a greater number of War Bonds than any other Carrier in the County.



No. 13. MORRIS J. HALLADAY and his wife, Catherine, live on an 122 acre tree and crop farm near Groton. They have three children, Edward, Annette and Carl, and three grandchildren. Associated with the Post Office Department for 15 years, he is active in church, civic and farm organizations, and now Vice President of the Tompkins County Fair Association. He has filled nearly all men's offices in East Lansing Grange No. 792, and also Pomona, including Master. Deputy Grange Master in 1948-51, in 1957 he was Special Deputy Grange Master. Chairman of the State Grange Mileage and Credential Committee 1954-58, at the 1959 Elmira session he was elected to the Executive Committee. When installed, he was acting simultaneously in that capacity for East Lansing Grange, Tompkins County Pomona, Cornell Grange No. 1577 and State Grange. He is the 1961 East Lansing Master.

CHAIRMAN (1934-1961) Edson Walrath, David Kidd, Leland Smith, Clarence Johncox.

SECRETARY (1934-1961) David Kidd, Clarence Johncox, Leland Smith, Clyde Hitchcock, Henry Sherwood, Leonard Fuller.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This committee has always carried out the grave responsibilities reposed upon all Executive Committees by the Installing Officers: "As an Executive Committee, but always and only in conjunction with the Worthy Master, you are authorized, between regular meetings of your Grange, in time of emergency or need, to act for and in the name of the Grange itself."

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO: Harold M. Stanley, Secretary; David Kidd, Leland Smith, Ralph Young, Clarence Johncox and Russell Curtis, in respective terms as Overseer.

RALPH YOUNG, Endicott, has a farm and Grange background. His father was State Gatekeeper for one term (1922-24) and was a Director of the State Farm Bureau Federation. Ralph himself,



while taking the Cornell Short Course, became interested in the Grange when he chose "The Grange" as his topic for a speech. Like most Grange members, he is a "church-going man," and has the distinction of twenty of his family, children and grandchildren, in church nearly every Sunday.

He has held most Subordinate and Pomona offices including Master; he has not missed a meeting of Broome County Pomona in over thirty years. While Pomona Master he headed the rural electrification committee, and so helped light the way for many Broome County farmers. 1938-43 he was Deputy; 1943-47, State Grange Gatekeeper; 1951-52, State Grange Overseer.

RNSSELL CURTIS, Cazenovia, is in partnership with his father-in-law; they operate over 350 acres with nearly one hundred purebred Holsteins. He joined New Woodstock Grange No. 1253 at fifteen years, at seventeen transferred to Owahgena Grange No. 1358, Master 1935-38, from 1943-49 he was Madison County Deputy, and organized a county degree team with a member from every Grange. This team conferred the third and fourth degrees on one class of 145. He has installed over two hundred sets of officers. In 1949 he was elected State Grange Assistant Steward, 1954-57 Steward, in 1957 Overseer. His father and mother are Golden Sheaf members, his seven children are Juvenile or Subordinate members, his daughter Barbara a member of the State Youth Committee. His wife, Florence, helps keep Grange wheels turning.

Every one of these Patrons had an early beginning wherein they learned to love and serve the Grange from the roots up. The resultant knowledge acquired of agriculture and the Grange equipped each with insight into Grange needs and principles. They have more than a superficial approach to the heavy responsibilities of Grange leadership. Because of an intimate contact with the farm, they have been enabled to render priceless service to Agriculture as a whole.



If we paraphrase a description of four kinds of Christians, who have been classified as: "tired, retired, tiresome and tireless," those who are tired, feel the weight of the world upon them. The retired are willing to let George do it, then spend their time chewing the cud of old memories; the tiresome think Grange is "a dull dud", but the tireless—you have guessed it. They have a wholesome twinkle, a ready chuckle, a light in the eye, and something alive and electric in the way they tackle work. To our Executive Committee life is an adventure in greatness available to rural people.

They possess a common sense type of humor, and well have they needed it, as a release from many weighty problems. In the past twenty-seven years this committee has met no less than 266 times, an average of 9.86 per year. This has ranged from four meetings in earlier years for two or three days each (which none the less counted as one, although adjourned from day to day) to nineteen in 1956 prior to the Rochester session of National Grange.

"That junk will never come to Port," says the ancient Chinese proverb, "where eight men put to sail and seven want to steer." Annual initial organization duties mean selection of Chairman and Secretary. Consideration is given to appointments: Revolving Scholarship Fund Secretary; Grange Trustee of Cornell University; Juvenile Superintendent; new member of Service and Hospitality Committee; Grange representative G. L. F.; and others. They select Standing Committees, Audit, Credential and Mileage, Legislative Committee or in late years Legislative Representative, and Publicity Director. Decisions are made as to promotional work, issuance of handbooks,—State Lecturer, Juvenile, Service and Hospitality; amounts to be expended for prizes, and expense allowance for Deputy and Juvenile Deputy forces.

Other items require considered judgment: Selection of annual themes or slogans; arrangements for State Fair, with multiplicity of detail; plans for regional conferences or schools; place and time for Deputy Schools, State Lecturer School, Youth School. In 1935 the cost of State Lecturer Stella Miller's thirty-five regional conferences, the Middle-Atlantic Conference and New York Conference was \$278.26. In 1959 the total cost for regional conferences, Washington Conference and Lecturers' School was \$1,809.14. No criticism is implied in the comparison; difference in travel costs and number of persons who took part made essential changes. This expenditure covers a sizable territory of Grange good and influence.

Inspection trips are necessary to ascertain the most advisable location for the coming State session, and balance made as to respective values. Accessibility, comparison of available auditor-



iums, session committee and exhibit rooms, housing possibility, as well as period of time which has elapsed between sessions in that locality, all enter into final decision. When invitations are received from several cities a number of ballots may be required. In 1934 there were thirteen invitations, and for the 1961 session, six.

In consideration of factors which affect such ballot, let us note session expense comparisons over a period of years: The 1934 Niagara session had 386 delegates. They, the associate delegates, Deputies, Juvenile Deputies, officers and associates traveled 364,356 miles.

Cost of delegates .....	\$14,333.80
Cost of officers and associates .....	818.56
Deputy and Juvenile Deputy groups .....	2,254.60
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Total .....	\$17,408.96

The 1944 Syracuse session reported 362 delegates who, with officers, associates, Deputies and Juvenile Deputies traveled 92,542 miles.

Cost of delegates .....	\$10,055.45
Officers and associates .....	1,275.31
Deputies and Juvenile Deputies .....	1,508.40
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Total .....	\$12,839.16

The 1958 session, Saratoga, records 311 delegates, with total travel for the same groups listed above, 111,623 miles.

Cost of delegates .....	\$10,694.38
Officers and associates .....	1,520.65
Deputies and Juvenile Deputies .....	4,881.30
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Total .....	\$17,096.33

75 less delegates attended the Saratoga session than the Niagara Falls session. Cost of living has increased greatly, but the comparison is designed to show cost difference according to distance traveled. A value not indicated is publicity, educational and inspirational worth to any section where the State session is held, a definite contribution. The corresponding number of initiates must be taken into account. In above tables, no item is included for innumerable expenses always incident to a convention of one thousand to two thousand people, nor for committee expenses.

The Executive Committee must authorize the State Lecturer's presence at the National Lecturer's Conference, New York City

or elsewhere; State Master, Lecturer, Secretary, Juvenile Superintendent, Service and Hospitality Committee Chairman, and Youth Director at Grange Leadership Conference in Washington, Boston or Providence. In 1943 and later years all Subordinate and Pomona Masters, Lecturers and Secretaries, with wives or husbands, were guests of the State Grange at County meetings, to encourage membership, dues collection, understanding, and in 1960 the dangers of integration. These meetings were valuable.

Every detail of importance, amended by-laws, incorporation, National Grange Monthly, bonding of officers, as well as modern advance in rural culture, research and educational values are carefully considered by this alert committee.

Further instructions of the Installing Officer are not taken lightly: "As an Executive Committee, you are responsible for the custody of the invested funds of the Grange." A solemn trust in any Grange, it is never more so than in our own New York State Grange. Figures are audited annually, and found in balance with State Treasurer's and State Secretary's books. This is done by the Standing Audit Committee. Through the years such names as Maurice Trowbridge, Wolcott; Thomas and William Turner, Tully; Willard Ayers, Jamestown; Fred Crampton, Homer; J. Warren Morgan, Lewiston; E. E. Greene, Victor; George Ashley, Copake; Winfield Kelsey, Theresa; Francis Foy, Deer River, and Emory Gast, DeRuyter, all responsible men, are listed on the Audit Committee. The management of our State Farm, the Grange, is a business enterprise.

Our comparison begins with 1934, when a balance of \$61,689.29 was shown, deposited and invested in such items as: Peoples' Bank of Hamburg, Marine Trust of Buffalo, National Grange Mutual Liability Units, G.L.F. Holding Corporation Stock, Port of New York Authority Bonds, (Cs), American Telephone and Telegraph, Consolidated Gas of New York, Standard Oil of New York, Kansas City Terminals, Farmers and Traders Life Insurance, Rural Underwriters, etc. Just one item selected for special mention is Liberty Bonds, to the amount of \$27,314.48.

1959 shows a like business statement:

Total income from all sources .....	\$207,505.94
Less expense checks .....	184,232.12
Balance on hand October 9, 1959 .....	23,232.82
Previously invested in stocks and bonds .....	102,478.56
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Total balance .....	\$125,711.38

Money invested in Stocks and Bonds was placed in G.L.F. Holding Corporation, Agricultural Insurance Company, Home Insurance Company, Empire Livestock Market, Farmers and



Traders Life Insurance, G.L.F. Exchange, Capitol District Market of Albany, \$28,000 was invested in U. S. Victory and Treasury Bonds. Financial reserves indicate stability. Listed by this Committee, they are kept safely in the State Grange Deposit Box by the heavily bonded State Treasurer. State Officers are, of course, covered by bond.

Salary and expense accounts are tabulated explicitly in Journals of Proceedings. Delegates weary of statistics, but this is the business of the Grange as a whole, and sound business practice. It requires business acumen, as can well be understood, since there is an ancient Rumanian proverb: "Money is round and rolls easily." This can never be true of this State Grange Executive Committee. Every member is alert to safeguard Grange property, and their integrity is beyond question.

Examples of sound investment are: In 1943, \$7,400.00 of Revolving Scholarship Funds were invested in War Bonds for patriotic purpose and Scholarship Fund benefit; in 1953, sixteen shares of Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Stock were purchased at \$850.00 per share. In 1957 the committee voted to purchase 240 shares of National Grange Fire Insurance Company stock at \$25.00 per share, 32 shares for the Revolving Scholarship Fund and 208 shares for the State Grange. In 1959 Scholarship Fund investment in United States Victory and Treasury Bonds was \$50,000. Thus State Grange resources are put to work to earn money to carry on the enterprises voted by the delegates.

Dependent on committee sanction, New York State Grange pays annually stated amounts for dues or promotion purposes, to groups with aims fully in accord with Grange purposes, such as Chautauqua Association, New York Dairy Exhibits, Inc., Highway Users Conference, New York State Citizens' Council, (of which the State Grange is a corporate member), Rural Church Institute, and National Grange Monthly Foundation. The State Grange shares in the Agricultural Conference Board's "Price Level Chart."

Specific expenditures have included: 1943—\$1,000.00 subscribed to the Agricultural Conference Board for operating the New York State Agricultural Defense Committee. 1944, \$25.00 went to the Council of Rural Education; 1945, \$1,000.00 donated to the Dean Carl Ladd Memorial. In 1948, \$500.00 was directed for the State Grange share in furnishing the Farm Conference Board Room, Savage Hall, Ithaca, and \$50.00 was expended toward the American Agriculturist Grass Silage Contest. In 1950, \$100.00 was donated for milk for "Boys' State" held at Colgate University. In 1954, the State Grange and G.L.F. sponsored a graduate student scholarship for Birdsfoot Trefoil study. We



paid \$200.00. In 1955 the sum of \$1,000.00 was donated for the County Agricultural Agents' Professional Improvement Fund.

Over the years the history of promotional expenditure for the Grange has proved a good investment. In 1938 enough money was added to the then existing funds to make it \$1,000.00; in 1942, \$500.00; 1944, \$375.00; in 1948, \$7,500.00 was set aside to strengthen weak Granges.

Regional Markets, regional farm research centers, old age insurance, Workmen's Compensation Employer's Insurance and similar projects have been well studied and every effort made to insure a sound program. This is a busy committee, shouldered with great responsibilities.

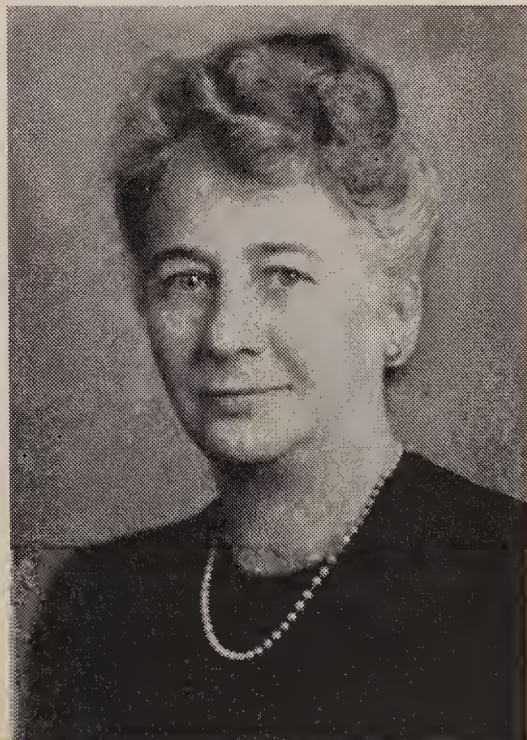
## 2. STATE SECRETARY

### HAROLD M. STANLEY

In 1915 a young man received his degree as Bachelor of Science from Cornell University. He was President of his College Senior Class, Associate Editor of the Cornell Countryman, and Chancellor of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, and Agricultural Technical Fraternity. Name? Harold M. Stanley.

Following his graduation he was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture in New England and South Carolina. After this he engaged in the retail milk business in Syracuse. Following his military service of World War I, he and his father purchased Lucerne Farm, 150 acres over-looking Skaneateles Lake. His mother was a dignified, cultured lady. In the June, 1937, National Grange Monthly Mr. Stanley paid her this simple but effective tribute:

"Mother," he wrote, "is one of those 'gritty folks' we hear about, born in a log house in the woods and always doing hard





work, but keeping young at it." These parents endowed Mr. Stanley with wit and grit, marked characteristics that have played no small part in his career.

Some live-wire Skaneateles Patron asked Mr. Stanley to join the Grange. He was vastly amused at the first degree as rendered until he reached the Steward's station. Memorized, the charge was delivered impressively. Suddenly, the candidate saw the vast acreage of our Grange Farm. From then on he was a Grange member. Such was the influence of an alert Steward. Such was the power of a brief portion of the ritual, given by an officer who looked the candidate straight in the eye.

Mr. Stanley did not take just one stride from the altar of Skaneateles Grange No. 458 to the State Secretary's office. In 1925 he was Skaneateles Grange Master; 1928-30, its Secretary; 1929, Onondaga Pomona Master; 1930-33, County Deputy. During this training period, Mr. Stanley also gave distinctive emphasis to the various charges assigned him. The path Mr. Stanley was to follow was not entirely one of roses. The Chinese have a saying: "Great ability is made by overcoming small difficulties." Difficulties were in store, and the record testifies as to abilities developed.

When Harold Stanley came to choose a wife, he found her in Skaneateles, and a wise choice it was, in gracious Louisa Loveless. He made no mistake in his life partner. For many years his wife has been his "right hand lady," in every way.

His preparation for Grange leadership had yet another factor which made him well-known to Patrons of the Empire State. 1930 saw him Drill Master in nearly thirty special sessions held around New York State, including the special Sixth Degree session at Rochester, National Grange session. New York State Patrons came to know him very well, and when the election of 1934, Lake Placid, rolled around, Harold Stanley was installed in the secretarial office, "with duties most arduous of all."

These duties are manifold. His office (now identified as State Grange Headquarters, since so much of value is transacted there), is at the Stanley farm. Mail is delivered daily in a mail sack. Annually from his office are mailed out at least 7,000 first class letters; 2,000 second class, and, including 1,600 Journals of Proceedings, and 1,600 State Grange Directories, 6,600 fourth class material, minimum statement. This is an activity of size.

Silver Star and Golden Sheaf data is recorded and certificate applications verified by the State Secretary. The total issued as reported at the 1960 Watertown session is: Silver Star (twenty-five year membership) 52,768; and 5,612 Golden Sheaf Certificates (fifty year), in this State.

State Grange resolutions, officers reports, minutes of sessions, names of Sixth Degree candidates and much more must be compiled and edited in the Journal of Proceedings. At State sessions the Secretary is not only the recording officer but is constantly alert to check developments so that the delegate body does not contradict itself as to action of former years. Between State sessions the Secretary attends Executive Committee meetings and responsible decisions are required.

Practically all State Grange income from various sources passes through the Secretary's hands to the State Treasurer as occasion demands. All is subject to audit. An evaluation of the Secretary's place in history would be incomplete without mention of variation from year to year in contrasting eras. In 1936 the annual dues per subordinate member to the State Grange were \$.09 per quarter, or \$.36 per year. In 1950 the dues raised to \$.15 quarterly or \$.60 annual. In 1955, the delegates voted a raise per quarter from \$.20 to \$.27 per member, or \$1.08 yearly. The 1960 delegate vote meant an increase to \$.37 per quarter, or \$1.48 per year per member. Such increases meant increased revenue to State and National Granges. The last increase included the new "Empire State Granger" sent to each Grange family, and other needs. At the 1957 Corning session Secretary Stanley reported: "While I was looking back over the years (23), I found that I have personally collected funds for the State Grange in the amount of \$2,081,459.12, and in addition have sent the National Grange over \$31,000 for Sixth Degree fees. We have issued 31,000 Sixth Degree Certificates and mailed them to candidates during this time."

In regard to membership, Mr. Stanley affirmed: "Nearly every Grange could make a net gain just on reinstatements alone. Every one of such members is in debt to the Grange for the good things the Grange has done for him, and every one added to our rolls is added power in building a better rural life."

The multiple secretarial duties have wide range. Mr. Stanley is a member of the New York State Conference Board of Farm Organizations. He has served on the Advertising, Public Relations, Membership and Research Committees of the National American Dairy Association. When the Empire Livestock Marketing Cooperative was organized in 1946, he was Vice-President and is now a member of its Operating and Public Relations Committee.

During the Administration of Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Mr. Stanley was Chairman of the Industrial Authority of the New York State Fair; Governor Nelson Rockefeller appointed him a member of the same group, and also appointed him a member of the Temporary Commission on Revision and Simplification of the Constitution of New York State. Appointed by the Board of Re-



gents of New York, Secretary Stanley is a member of the Advisory Council of Education Practice Act.

He serves as Director of: Farmers and Traders Insurance Company, and Onondaga County Patrons Fire Association, also Commissioner of Onondaga War Memorial Auditorium.

The National Grange Monthly of July, 1939, had an interesting item: "Never has the standing of the Grange as an educational factor in national life been more impressively emphasized than by the fact that The National Grange has been invited to participate in the deliberations of the World Congress on Education for Democracy, at Columbia University, New York. Harold Stanley of Skaneateles was appointed by National Master Louis J. Taber as one of a committee of twenty-eight Grange leaders to meet with representative educators."

When the Rural Radio Foundation was established in 1949 Mr. Stanley was its President, and he also served as Director of Rural Radio Network.

Mr. Stanley's viewpoint as to these multiple responsibilities was given at the 1957 Corning session:

"Looking back over the years (23) that I have been in this office, I note that the duties of the office have continuously increased. Over the years several important appointments have come to me because of the office I have held. These various assignments have been in many fields but all related to agriculture. Such important duties as serving as the chairman of the Emergency Food Commission during the war, (1943-44) have carried with them many important responsibilities. At the present time I am serving as the President of the American Dairy Association of New York and the Secretary of the National Organization. I pause to state that all of these outside demands upon the time and energy of the secretary have been without salary."

Mr. Stanley places the credit for these various opportunities for service squarely at the door of the Grange. "It is the GRANGE that has been recognized," he said. Always our Grange, the State Farm, has been in the forefront of Mr. Stanley's vision. Always the welfare of country people has loomed large. We quote him: "There is no end to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

Among Mr. Stanley's most important responsibilities are those connected with Skaneateles Presbyterian Church, where he serves as both trustee and Elder. Therein is the basic background of service. In the words of Dr. Eric Faigle, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Syracuse University: "History has proven that the people who endure are those with the strongest spiritual

resources." That is just as true of the individual. The source of strength is spiritual.

If we measure success honestly it must be by the gauge of human relations. The following illustrations give Mr. Stanley's sensitivity in this direction close connection with the Grange. His viewpoint in the July 1942 National Grange Monthly depict an outlook often ignored:

"Service Flags are appearing in numerous Grange Halls and we find many of our young men in service. Many others are serving in the army of production. I sometimes fear that their praises are not sung as loudly as for those in the military service. It would be a grand thing if we could make our young folks feel they are equally patriotic if they remain at home and shoulder the important responsibility of production. Remember that without our production there could come no peace."

Four German Grange Exchange students found a home with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. An international romance developed when wedding bells rang out for the marriage of Mrs. Stanley's nephew to a young lady from Latvia who worked in the office of the Secretary for a year.

In his last annual report as State Master, Henry Sherwood stated: "Coming as I did to this office without too much knowledge of the inner workings of the Grange, I found I needed help and counsel many times . . . I especially want to single out one man who has probably done more for me than any other individual during these eight years, and that person is Harold Stanley. His advice and counsel have always been given willingly and I want to state this publicly."

The esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are held was vividly brought out at the 1959 Elmira session, when at the conclusion of the State Lecturer's Monday evening program a silver background was affixed to "The Silver Rug" in honor of over twenty-five years of service of the State Secretary. State Master Smith presented Mr. Stanley with a gift from the State Grange, and Mrs. Smith presented Mrs. Stanley with roses. Following the meeting, a reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Stanley at the Hotel "Mark Twain."

A long time ago Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "'Tis pitiful the things by which we are rich or poor. A matter of coins and carpets, a little more or less of stone and wood and paint; like the naked Indians, of whom one is proud in possession of a glass bead or a red feather, and the rest miserable for the want of it.'" It is crystal clear that Mr. and Mrs. Stanley can count their wealth in something more than a "glass bead or a red feather,"—in the glowing badge of human service.



### 3. TREASURERS

#### JOHN KLEIS, Hamburg:

William Shakespeare, in King Richard III, pointed out, "An honest tale speeds best being plainly told." The Grange life story of John Kleis, honest tale that it is, needs no embellishment. We will tell it plainly.

John Kleis, New York State Grange Treasurer, held office longer than any officer elected to any position in New York State Grange. During the final twenty-four years, (the first decade is not included) Mr. Kleis handled over two million dollars of State Grange income, derived from various sources, such as fees, dues and interest. In later years urged repeatedly to accept a more commensurate salary, he refused any but the very nominal \$400.00 per annum. In 1955 he reluctantly allowed it to be raised to \$500.00. His daughter Pearl, his very efficient Assistant Treasurer, received the munificent fee of \$50.00 per year, quite an honorarium. The hours they spent were far more than a gesture toward Grange investment.

Prior to his election as State Grange Treasurer, he was Master of Erie County Pomona Grange, 1922-23. Now let us take a look at the man.

John Kleis—farmer-banker. It was his delight to return to his farm after banking hours and ride the tractor, preparing soil, cultivating crops. Back of the Kleis homestead were long rows of apples and grapevines. Francis Foy, of Denmark Grange No. 535, member of State Audit Committee, (1956-61) tells us of a happy experience he and Winfield Kelsey, Theresa Grange No. 60, his committee associate, had after the annual audit meeting at the Kleis farm. As they were leaving, John Kleis directed them to leave by the back drive. There, waiting, were two baskets of luscious grapes.

Theirs was not only a fruit farm. John Kleis kept cows, too. Ida Kleis, John's wife, made butter just as many another fine farm woman has done. Thus she had kinship with other farm wives. Ida and John Kleis joined Hamburg Grange No. 1293 in 1913. She was its treasurer for twenty-four years.

In the January, 1939, National Grange Monthly, we noted another interesting item: John Kleis was then Vice-President of the Erie County Agricultural Society. "In 1938," said the Monthly, "Erie County Pomona Grange planted a tree on the fairgrounds near the building in which the Grange exhibits were annually placed. An impressive ceremony marked the event. John Kleis was a principal speaker. Another was George Abbott, President of the Society and only surviving charter member of Ham-

burg Grange, organized in 1874. Erie County Subordinate Granges also had the habit of planting trees and landscaping effectively." No doubt John Kleis had a hand in this also.

John Kleis, banker, had an unblemished reputation for exact integrity. He had the confidence of everyone. His name stood for trust-worthiness, which stood in good stead in his work as State Grange Treasurer. He was well qualified to recommend the wisest investments of State Grange moneys. His unusually competent work is illustrated by the following true story: His State Grange record books were filled, and required replacement. Originally purchased in Watertown, the firm was given the order for the new books. In order to duplicate form, they requested to see the originals. They examined them, and expressed amazement. There was not one error, not one erasure to be found. They were perfectly executed.

The Kleis farm family was such a happy one. Holidays were gala, joyous occasions. The National Grange Monthly of March, 1951, presented a fine picture of John and Ida Kleis, together with an account of the golden wedding reception tendered them in Hamburg Grange Hall, with 150 guests. Clarence and Pearl Kleis Gates were host and hostess. The Monthly said: "Always active in civic, political and fraternal affairs in the community, Mr. Kleis is at present a town councilman."

During his long illness of the summer of 1957, Mr. Kleis was the recipient of hundreds of letters and tokens of affection. At the conclusion of his many years as Treasurer, at the Corning session, the Deputies Association presented him with a portable radio. One of the rare ovations ever given a State officer was deservedly given John Kleis at that time.

At the Saratoga Springs 1958 State session, State Secretary Harold M. Stanley told the assembled delegates: "I wish to pay special tribute to the memory of John W. Kleis, who died at the age of seventy-eight, on March 21, 1958. He had been Treasurer of New York State Grange for thirty-four years, a record equaled by no one in our State Grange. During all of my years as Secretary I worked very closely with our State Treasurer and found him a most faithful and understanding co-worker.

"John Kleis had been a school board member since 1903, and President of the Frontier School Board since 1951. He was a past President of the Erie County School Board Association. In 1955 he received a Distinguished Service Award of the New York School Boards Association, a significant recognition of his service to education over a long span of years. He was very active in community and civic affairs all his life. As past President of the Erie County Agricultural Society for twenty-six years, he



contributed much to the welfare of the boys and girls of the Town of Hamburg and Erie County. As Treasurer of the State Grange he issued all of the checks for loans from the Revolving Scholarship Fund and has therefore taken an active part in making this useful service of the Grange of value to hundreds of our young people.

“John Kleis held many offices in the various degrees of the Grange and he and his wife Ida had for many years been most faithful workers in Subordinate, Pomona and State Granges. His daughter Pearl Kleis Gates, as Assistant Treasurer of the State Grange has been a never failing help in this important work. The Grange owes much to this fine family for their devoted dedication to the work and the service of the Grange.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: “For no man can write anything who does not think that what he writes is for the history of the world; or do anything well, who does not think it to be of importance.” John Kleis did his work so it could stand the acid tests of time. We can look at it, and the Grange of the future can look at it, and say: “It is good.”

**ROBERT M. PAYNE** of Coeyman's Hollow, spent the first twelve years of his life on a farm. The Robert Payne family now live one-half mile from his birthplace. Adjacent to this farm is the home of Ravena Grange No. 1457, which Mr. Payne joined in 1944, just before he saw service in the United States 7th Fleet, assigned to Pacific duty. In Ravena Grange he was Steward two years, Master three years; this is his fifth year on its Executive Committee.

Mr. Payne was Assistant Steward of Albany Pomona two years, and Master 1952-57. In 1953, at Burlington, Vermont, he took the Seventh Degree. 1956-57 saw him Secretary-Treasurer of the Delegates-at-Large Association, and at Corning, 1957, he was elected Treasurer of New York State Grange. He is now on the Executive Committee of Albany County Pomona.

When he married Miss Ismay Rupert he tried to get her to join Ravena Grange, but was unsuccessful. She preferred Bethlehem No. 137. They have three small children, Nancy, Robert and Steven.

Since 1947 Mr. Payne has been employed by the State,—first by the Senate, then with Unemployment Insurance, and now Correction Officer at the New York State Vocational Institution at West Coxsackie.



#### 4. JUVENILE SUPERINTENDENTS

**NATIONAL: SUSAN BATSFORD WILSON FREESTONE,** of Interlaken Grange No. 160.

If we examine the issues of The National Grange Monthly when Charles M. Gardner was its distinguished editor, we see this caption: "What Juvenile Granges are Doing: One of the Liveliest Grange Departments, Conducted by Mrs. Susan W. Freestone, National Superintendent."

From the time she stood before the altar of Lodi Grange No. 213, in March, 1898, Susan Freestone traveled the road of Grange service. She loved the Order, and had enthusiastic affection and deep vision of potentials for the country child. What "those little brown hands" held within their grasp was real to her. Her own hands held special blessing for rural children. She typified the words of Henry Ward Beecher: "We should so live and labor in our time that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and that which came to us as blossom may go to them as fruit."

She sowed patriotism, honesty, unselfishness, thoughtfulness for others first,—principles she stressed by word, by guidance to Juvenile Deputies and Matrons, and in the National Grange Monthly by practical pointers patterned for full, rewarding development for years ahead for individual and group.

Appointed in 1928 to the position of National Juvenile Superintendent, by National Master Louis J. Taber, she served for eleven years. Here are big items initialed by Susan Freestone, originator:

Due to her influence State Master Fred J. Freestone appointed County Juvenile Deputies. Through her the Juvenile Deputies' Association was formed, and a sash obtained for each Juvenile



Deputy. She appealed to the State Grange Executive Committee, and the Juvenile Degree was conferred at State Grange sessions, beginning with the 1931 Olean session, where Ross Juvenile No. 134 achieved high success, and did much to advance Juvenile work. This success was repeated later at National Grange, where it "worked wonders."

Through Mrs. Freestone the distinctive red was adopted as the Juvenile color, manuals were covered in red, and red Handbooks issued. With the help of Charles M. Gardner, High Priest of Demeter, the Juvenile Manual was revised, and a new pledge for adult honorary members adopted. A sixty-four page Juvenile Song Book was published, the graduation ceremony first introduced, installation ceremony written, a loan service of helps and bulletins provided, and the Juvenile Grange Honor system started. State Grange contests for Juvenile emerged; instead of a one-half column devoted to Juvenile work in the National Grange Monthly, a whole page, designed to suggest helps and give account of Juvenile activities, was allotted. Mrs. Freestone prepared an informational folder, six-page, entitled, "Our Most Precious Possession." Mr. and Mrs. Freestone in 1956 donated the colorful red and gold caps and capes used in the Juvenile degree at State Grange.

To somewhat preserve Susan W. Freestone's personality, we quote from her own words: "More care and attention is being paid to have programs that will help create a love for the better things of life, and train Juveniles to choose things that will help them in developing strong, upstanding character. A desire is planted in their minds to live clean, upright lives. . . .The type of work done by a majority of our Juvenile Granges continues to be outstanding. Its influence is doing much to promote honesty, loyalty and trustworthiness. The members are learning to work together, to cooperate, to think of others and love the country and its beauties. . . .The surest way to improve conditions in the country is to properly train the children."

"We are proud that the Grange was the first agricultural organization that realized that the boys and girls of the farm needed an organization of their own where they could be helped and educated. . . .It has been a source of wonder to me to see how wisely and comprehensively the Founders of the Order planned our wonderful Order. When on every hand today you hear about the youth movement and realize every organization is waking up to the fact that more time and attention must be given to them, it makes us proud and happy that there has always been a place for young people in our Grange."

Mrs. Freestone referred to a letter from one Founder, Oliver Hudson Kelley, to another, Francis McDowell, July, 1868, in

"Father" Kelley's "Origin and Progress of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry," published in 1874. "I suggest a primary degree expressly for the little folks from six to sixteen, so as to entertain and interest the children in the rural districts, and get their minds interested in the study of the beauties of nature, etc., and to afford them some rational recreation." That was the beginning.

In 1936 State Master Raymond Cooper said: "New York State is very proud of the splendid record of our National Superintendent and her work will not be forgotten."

The National Grange Monthly of October, 1946, paid tribute: "The brilliant work of Susan Freestone is still reflected in the development of the young Granger organization."

## STATE JUVENILE SUPERINTENDENTS

### NO. 1. MRS. DAVID KIDD:

At the 64th annual session, Utica, State Master Raymond Cooper announced: "At this session we shall be happy to introduce to you our State Juvenile Superintendent Beatrice Kidd, whose untiring efforts have encouraged Juvenile work since she took office in May."

Prior to that date, the title had been State Juvenile Deputy. From 1922-1930, that title was worn with distinction by Miss Natalie Barns, Orange County; Mrs. Florence Auchter, Monroe County, and Mrs. Emma R. Jerome, Onondaga County. Beatrice Kidd wore the new title of State Superintendent from May, 1936, to December, 1941, five and a half busy, fruitful years.

Her background training was good: A graduate of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, High School, and Englewood Business College, Illinois, she joined the Grange in 1914. Former Chaplain, and later Juvenile Matron of Dansville Grange No. 172, in 1929 State Master Fred J. Freestone appointed her Livingston County





Juvenile Deputy. From 1929-36 she organized nine Juvenile Granges and reorganized one.

At this 1936 Utica session, State Master Raymond Cooper announced thirty new Juvenile Granges and four re-organizations during that year. June 30, 1936, 299 Juvenile Granges reported with a membership of 8,429. June 30, 1941, there was a report from 380 Juvenile Granges, with 33 late in reporting, and an estimated membership based on all reports of 9,908. There was an evident gain of at least 81 Juvenile Granges, with a membership gain of 1,479. Mrs. Kidd's report of 1937 indicated 6,000 adult, or honorary members, had taken the beautiful Juvenile degree.

**JUVENILE GRADUATES:** Over 2,485 Juvenile members had graduated into Subordinate Granges, a valuable asset of trained youth.

**DEDICATIONS:** In 1936, Mrs. Kidd dedicated the Juvenile room of Corfu Juvenile Grange No. 204; 1938, Juvenile owned hall of Pavilion Juvenile Grange No. 56; in 1939, two Juvenile rooms,—that of Webster Juvenile Grange No. 13 and Bristol Valley Juvenile Grange No. 249.

**MODEL JUVENILE GRANGE HONORS:** Were won for five consecutive years for New York State Grange. This implied high standards and gain in membership. 33 late reports prevented the 1941 honor.

**ACHIEVEMENT CHART CONTEST:** Was instituted in 1937 by Mrs. Kidd. These charts, annual record of work achieved, were gay with red and gold stars.

“The Juvenile Grange is our very own ‘Youth Organization,’ and it is the duty of every loyal Grange member to support it,” said Mrs. Kidd.

## **No. 2. ISABELLE HARRIS:**

Mrs. Russell Harris, Glens Falls, in December, 1941, took up the mantle of New York State Grange Juvenile Superintendent where Beatrice Kidd had laid it down. She filled the position for two years, during which she worked with Mrs. Harry Caldwell, National Grange Juvenile Superintendent, in editing the National Grange Manual for Juvenile Leaders. Mrs. Harris wrote the article on the Juvenile Degree.

First Juvenile Matron in Warren County, Mrs. Harris was County Juvenile Deputy 1932-34, and 1938-40. During 1941-44 and 1954-60 she was Pomona Lecturer. In 1948-49 she wore the green of State Grange Pomona. As State Grange pianist for several years, she won many friends. At present she is Matron of “Westmount”, the Warren County Infirmary where her husband is Commissioner.





Mrs. Harris' final report as State Juvenile Superintendent noted personal disaster. "As most of you know, the fire which completely destroyed our home, also destroyed Juvenile Grange records and equipment. This made the work of the Department very difficult. Nevertheless, through the loyal support of the Juvenile Deputy force the work has progressed very well."

The Taber Forest, a National Grange Juvenile project, was completed in 1942. Mrs. Harris had encouraged contribution by New York Juveniles. In her broadcast over WGY, she chose the topic, "Juvenile Grange."

"Defense work was the major Juvenile Grange issue," said Mrs. Harris. "They met and faced the National crisis and came through 100%."

### **No. 3. RUTH B. THEW.**

This enthusiastic Grange worker joined Warwick Grange No. 948, where she served as Lecturer. After her marriage to Deputy John G. Thew, she transferred to Hamptonburgh Grange No. 950. In 1941-43 she was Orange County Juvenile Deputy. In 1948-49 she was Hamptonburgh Lecturer, in 1952-53 its Master. An active Presbyterian, past Matron of Warwick Chapter Eastern Star, she is homemaker in the 150 year old homestead, the heart of their 425 acre farm.

While State Juvenile Superintendent, 1944-52, approximately 254 Juvenile Granges qualified for National Achievement honors. In 1950 Mrs. Thew presented \$602.25, contributed by the 298 Juvenile Granges of this State to National Master Henry Sherwood, to buy tables for the Conference Room in the new National Grange Building, Washington, D. C.



Mrs. Thew was instrumental in the Susan W. Freestone Vocational Educational Fund, which originated in 1945. Her dream of a long term Juvenile project resulted in the Juvenile Grange Reforestation Program, which evolved in 1951 in cooperation with the State Division of Lands and Forests. June 8, 1946, Mrs. Thew broadcasted over Station WGY, "What the Juvenile Granges are Doing," and thus acquainted many with our active young Juveniles. Mrs. Thew's wise leadership left a lasting impress on Juvenile Grange building.

#### **4. CATHERINE HALLADAY, Groton.**

Following her service as Juvenile Deputy of Tompkins County, 1949-51, Mrs. Morris Halladay was appointed Juvenile Superintendent, 1951-53. In 1958 she was Lecturer of East Lansing Grange No. 792.

During her two years as Juvenile superintendant, Mrs. Halladay attended the Grange Leadership School, Washington, D. C., from which she brought much of value to Juvenile Deputies, Matrons and Patrons, of the Empire State. At the 1952 Saratoga session, it was her pleasure to report the first planting of the Juvenile Grange Forest, Chautauqua County.

Mrs. Halladay excelled in her guidance to new Juvenile Deputies fresh in this field of Grange activity. She is well remembered for her helpful interest. Also, at the 1960 Watertown session, she demonstrated to an appreciative delegation, in her report as Chairman of the Session Committee on Grange Law and Improvement, her unusual ability in still another phase of Grange work.





## 5. AUDREY MILLER

Fifth in succession in this important position, Mrs. Roger Miller has proved an ideal choice. Active in Adams Center Grange No. 950, in Baptist Church, community affairs and in 1950-53, Jefferson County Juvenile Deputy, her days are filled to the brim in this new activity. Roger Miller was County Deputy, 1950-57. They are former farmers and now live in Adams Center, where Mr. Miller's business is insurance.

As a member of the State Grange Youth Committee, ex officio, Mrs. Miller held a number of workshops in adjacent counties. A member of the teaching staff of the Youth Leadership Schools Mrs. Miller found approximately three-fourths of those enrolled were former Juvenile members. She also assists in Regional Conferences, and in planning the annual Deputies' School program. In 1954-55 she prepared a column for the National Grange Monthly, and now adds Juvenile news for the "Empire State Granger."

She assisted in the dedication of Smyrna Juvenile Grange No. 523 Hall. In 1955, she was appointed by Governor Averill Harriman to attend the State Conference on Youth and Delinquency, and also attended the first National Youth and Juvenile Conference, Hamilton, Ohio. She has held over one hundred conferences, plus county meetings where she has given helpful advice.

In 1959 State Master Leland D. Smith said: "Under the able direction of Mrs. Miller and her helpers in the field, a great number of boys and girls have a start in this unexcelled organization, the Grange."



## Chapter 4

### FIELD WORKERS

#### 1. DEPUTY GRANGE MASTERS

Noah Webster defines the word deputy as "one appointed as the substitute of another, and empowered to act for him or on his behalf." Leonard Fuller, Past Deputy and present Executive Committee member, addressed the Deputies' Association in Bibbins Hall, Ithaca, in 1955, and applied Webster's definition to Grange Deputies: "Your authority is this—in the State Master's absence from your county you ARE State Master, subject, always, to his direction. You are the head of the Grange in your own county. You are the leader. You have the backing and support of the State Master. Having this support and confidence demands that you prepare yourself in every way to carry out the the duties of your office with honor to the State Master you represent."

A Grange Deputy is recommended by vote of his county, and appointed by the State Master, who usually accepts the county recommendation, but has the right of veto. All State Masters have expressed appreciation of the devoted Grange spirit manifested by the Deputy force.

In 1934 State Master Fred J. Freestone said: "Some Grange members believe that a Deputy receives compensation from the State Grange for every visit to a Grange. Recompense is made but for one Grange visit. Our Deputies often visit their Granges several times during the year. They make these extra visits because they like the Grange folk, because they take pride in their county, are anxious to see it grow, because they believe the Grange is worthy of the best they can give, and that no organization stands for so many worthwhile things as does the Grange."

"Money cannot buy the service our faithful Deputy Masters give in the Grange," said State Master Raymond Cooper.

"The greatest honor that can be bestowed upon a Grange member in his county is to be recommended as Deputy Master of New York State Grange," commented State Master W. J. Rich in 1943. "The office offers a great field of service and unlimited possibilities."

"State Master Henry Sherwood mentioned war restrictions, and said: "I wonder if we all realize how many sacrifices our Deputies make during the year? Night after night they ride the highways to bring the Grange message. Do we ever think of the countless visits, the long trips through all kinds of weather, over icy and snow-filled roads,—long hours of travel and short nights of rest?"

At Saratoga Springs, 1952, State Master Leland Smith paid tribute: "This past year it has been my good fortune to have the finest Deputy force anywhere in the nation to work with—I deeply appreciate the good work they have done."

How many visits do they make, annually? Deputy Nelson Marolf, Lewis County, 1961 President of the Deputy Association, answered this query: "An estimated two meetings per week, State-wide." Multiply 104 by 53 Deputies; you have an approximate 5,512 visits annually. Since the entire force is only required to make some 844 visits per year, the figures given above are an index of loyalty to Grange ideal.

DEPUTY SCHOOLS annually held at Bibbons Hall, Ithaca, have replaced the former conferences at State Grange which took the presiding State Master from the session, and added another burden of tension for him. The two-to-four day Deputy Schools present an intensive study and preparation period prior to the required early annual visit to each Grange. In order that early information may be uniformly available, schools, in earlier years, held in December or January, are now held in September.

NATIONAL GRANGE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES, highly prized, have been received by at least forty-four Deputies, but, since records are incomplete, it is impossible to list these. Here are the foundation rules for this distinction: Any two out of the three are required for recognition: 1. Gain in membership. 2. Organization of four or more Granges. 3. A decided improvement in ritualism and community service.

DEPUTY AWARDS, COMMUNITY SERVICE: Well deserved, monetary awards are made now to Deputies with 100% county participation. and smaller amounts for 50%.

LEADERSHIP AND STATE GRANGE OFFICE: Of the five State Masters of this era, two developed leadership qualities in the Deputy force, W. J. Rich and Leland D. Smith. Research tells that at least twenty-eight Deputies became State Grange officers: David Kidd, Overseer, Chairman Executive Committee; Ralph Young, Steward Overseer-Executive Committee; Clarence Johncox, Steward, Overseer, Chairman Executive Committee; Russell Curtis, Assistant Steward, Steward, Overseer; E. Reynolds Farley, Clyde Hitchcock, Leonard Fuller and Morris Halladay, Executive Committee; Timothy Thomas, Fred Rumsey, Glenn Sheldon and Matthias Smith, Stewards; Dana Waldron, Earl Watson, Merrill Curry and Robert Drake, Assistant Stewards; Harold Stanley, Secretary; Stella Miller and Marietta Windecker, Lecturers; Agnes King, Flora; Carl Fairbanks, Chaplain; Ray Lant, Arthur Speenburg and Edward Beightol, Gatekeepers; Jessie Prouty, and Leah Benjamin, Pomonas; Susie Jennings, Ceres.



The following have been Presidents of the Deputy Association: 1934, Earl William, Machias, followed by Lester Young, Warren; 1935, Ray Lant, Chatham; 1936, J. Wells Weaver, Highland; 1937, Glen Sheldon, Lisbon; 1938, Claire Arnburg, Kanona; 1939, Foster Garrison, Brewster; 1940, Lorenzo Niles, Cazenovia; 1941, William Whittaker, South Fallsburg; 1942, Ethan Coon, Rhinebeck; 1943, Scott Traxler, Dansville; 1944, Carl Fairbanks, Williamson; 1945, S. C. Bradley, Aurora; 1946, Clarence Smith, Cattaraugus; 1947, George Pickston, Manlius; 1948, Walter Goff, Lake Placid; 1949, Harold Story, Ulster Park; 1950, Oscar Borden, Schaghticoke; 1951, Herman Larsen, Waterloo; 1952, Spencer Duncan, South Schodack; 1953, Henry Pitcher, Millerton; 1954, Clarence House, Avon; 1955, Roger Miller, Adams Center; 1956, Edward Hasbrouck, Goshen; 1957, Maxwell Parish, Fulton; 1958, Howard Wightman, Friendship; 1959, Walter Gardinier, Amsterdam; 1960, Gerald Hotaling, Cato; 1961, Nelson Marolf, Beaver Falls.

At the 1940 National Grange Session, Syracuse, Fred Emmick, Norwich, Deputy Chenango County, received recognition as a builder of conspicuous service, for five subordinates organized that year.

STAND ON YOUR FEET, any Grange session, 1934-1960: The Flag of our Country comes marching in, escorted by the entire Deputy force, answer to all who would tear down the precious freedom of our New York State Farm, the heritage of America and all it means to mankind.

## 2. JUVENILE DEPUTIES

During the period 1934-60, 395 Juvenile Granges were organized, 297 reorganized. Among the latter is Huron Juvenile No. 1, outcome of the vision of Huron Grange No. 124, organized May, 1904, and reorganized in 1935. This evident growth resulted from labors of our fifty-three Juvenile Deputies. Juvenile members become adults; a Matron may be lacking; a Juvenile becomes dormant. Reorganization equals growth.

Usually the Juvenile Deputy is the wife of the Deputy State Master. If not, compensation is made for one trip to a subordinate, just as to the Deputy. Juvenile Deputies, and their willing assistants, Matrons or Patrons, exert their utmost to advance the Juvenile program. Their lasting influence reaches far into future values for Grange, community, and leadership training for rural youth. Mrs. David Kidd, first State Juvenile Superintendent, expressed this: "The greatest service an individual, a Grange or a Government can render is to direct the boys and girls into paths of wholesome living and usefulness." She added: "Be tolerant about the 'noise of children.' They are what you were."

Attendance at annual Deputies' Schools, Bibbons Hall, Ithaca, requires about four days. Schools provide educational stimulus, and helpful instruction. Inspiration comes from the finest available speakers, like the late Charles M. Gardner, highest ritualistic officer, and his successor, E. Carroll Bean; the late Albert Goss, when National Master, and his successor, Herschel Newsom. Through Mr. Warren Ranney, Mr. Paul Taber and others of the G. L. F., outstanding teachers of recreation, handicraft and child welfare have instructed the Juvenile Deputies. The State Master and other State Officers attend, and the scale of information and cooperation is high.

Juvenile Deputies help form the Flag escort at State Grange sessions. The Juvenile Deputy Association was formed in 1930. Since 1934, the following have served as Presidents: 1934, Mrs. Harry Marble, Holcomb, followed by Miss Blanche Johnson, Hamburg; 1935, Miss Natalie Barns, Newburg; 1936, Mrs. Foster Garrison, Brewster; 1937, Marion Salisbury, Norwich; 1938, Mrs. Glenn Sheldon, Lisbon; 1939, Mrs. L. E. Harvey, Marathon; 1940, Mrs. J. C. McKinney, Freeville; 1941, Albert Shaw, Highland; 1942, Mrs. Fred Klein, Tonawanda; 1943, Mrs. Herman Larson, Waterloo; 1944, Mrs. Florabelle Pitts, Wolcott; 1945, Mrs. Scott Traxler, Dansville; 1946, Mrs. George Pickston, Manlius; 1947, Mrs. Leon Failing, Three Mile Bay; 1948, Mrs. D. Arthur Berryman, Bluff Point; 1949, Mrs. Lloyd Wyant, Castile; 1950, Mrs. Oscar Borden, Schaghticoke; 1951, Mrs. Spencer Duncan, South Schodack; 1952, Mrs. Jonathan Pulling, Cobleskill; 1953, Mrs. Albert Halsey, Southampton; 1954, Mrs. Paul Bahret, Hyde Park; 1955-1956, Mrs. Edward Hasbrouck, Goshen; 1957, Mrs. Anthony Rivers, Jay; 1958, Mrs. Howard Wightman, Friendship; 1959, Miss Mildred Mehring, Mohawk; 1960, Mrs. Gerald Hotaling, Cato; 1961, Miss Beverly Smith, Clifton Springs.

Although space does not permit listing names of Secretary-Treasurers, mention should be made of the heavy responsibilities they carried, and the impetus they gave Juvenile Grange work.

The following Juvenile Deputies have been elected to State Office: LECTURERS: Mrs. Jay Keller, Mrs. Lorenzo Palmer. FLORAS: Mrs. Wilber Cleveland, Mrs. Emma Case, Mrs. Spencer Duncan, Mrs. Mildred VanWagenen; CERES: Mrs. Frederick Merk, Mrs. Walter Goff, Mrs. Loren Muck, Mrs. Floyd Swift, Mrs. Lloyd Wyant, Mrs. Leon Failing, Mrs. Theron Brown; POMONAS: Mrs. Marion Salisbury, Mrs. Russell Harris, Mrs. Henry Bower; LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD: Mrs. Jay Keller, Mrs. Wilber Cleveland, Mrs. Isaac Graham, Mrs. Floyd B. Gage.

There is a Rumanian proverb that reads: "Work is a golden bracelet. "We can well say that the work of the Juvenile Deputy is a golden bracelet in the renown of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.





### 3. SPECIAL SERVICE RECOGNITION

THEODORE ARTHUR DELANCEY, R. D., Oswego, can trace his ancestry in a direct line to Colonial New York. One of his ancestors was Lieutenant—Governor by appointment of the The Crown, yet his chief glory is The Grange. Known to countless Patrons of Husbandry as "T. A.", Mr. DeLancey had been Master and Lecturer of Domestic Grange No. 98, and later Overseer and Master of Oswego County Pomona Grange. His wife was Secretary of Domestic Grange and also Pomona Grange. In 1950 Domestic Grange surprised them with a golden wedding celebration at the Grange Hall, and not only gave gifts but supplied the bride with wedding gown and corsage.

Mr. DeLancey wrote down some of his experience which reveal reasons why his was distinctive service. In 1919, when Sherman J. Lowell was National Master, he recognized potential values of Grange extension, but was confronted with that old bug bear, lack of funds. Mr. DeLancey's story reads:

"Ira Sharp" (Lowville Grange No. 71, Chairman New York State Grange Executive Committee) "came to the rescue with a substantial personal contribution which was matched by the National Grange Executive Committee. To Ira Sharp goes the credit for starting extension work."

National Master Lowell and the State Grange Executive Committee selected Mr. DeLancey as the first National Master's Special Deputy. A mid-west State, Missouri was given initial try-out. "And tough Shawnee country at that," asserted Mr. DeLancey. "At the end of the first six weeks I had six new organizations to my credit, and Josiah Betts, an Onondaga Patron of the highest principles, long in Grange work, was added as the second National Master's Special Deputy; we both served in that capacity during the entire Lowell administration."

As National Deputy, Mr. DeLancey organized Granges in Delaware, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

In 1939 State Master Raymond Cooper appointed Mr. DeLancey New York State Special Deputy. He served eleven years, assisting Mr. Cooper and State Masters W. J. Rich and Henry Sherwood.

Mr. DeLancey described special deputy duties: "At first this consisted largely of expanding membership by organizing Granges and increasing membership of others; thus the Order was strengthened by many hundreds of new members. Each was secured on the merits of the Grange itself, never by suggested monetary inducements. I did not stress what the Grange could do for them as much as what they could do for the Grange and the community. I wanted them to be fully aware of the wonderful opportunity the Grange provided for community service, for team work 'where the welfare of each is bound up in the welfare of all.' "

His letter continued: "It soon became apparent that it was as essential to turn our attention to reorganizing dormant Granges and re-activating others, encouraging the renewal of interest of old members, enthusing and instructing new ones. Many of those re-organized and revitalized became a far greater asset to the community than ever before."

"My work was varied. Much time was devoted to helping secretaries to collect back dues. The secretary and I went together and took the Grange dues book. In nearly every instance where we went, the member came to the rescue as soon as he understood and thus membership was retained."

In the words of State Master Henry Sherwood, "T. A. DeLancey was employed to work in any section of the State where he was needed." Occasionally he came to the rescue as "troubleshooter." in cases where differences of opinion had developed. Then it was that "T. A." helped Patrons to remember "their former pledges of eternal friendship and brotherly love."

What a story it would make could we unwind from the reel of Time the whole story of his influence! That lasting good resulted, we know. In the Fiftieth Anniversary Booklet of Pine Bush Grange No. 1014, special reference is given to Mr. DeLancey's efforts: "April 23, 1949, was the day of all days, the dedication of the new Grange Hall. The dedication officer was State Master Henry Sherwood. Nearly 300 attended, including State Deputy DeLancey, who reorganized Pine Bush in 1941." Deputy John Thew of Orange County affirmed: "Brother De-



Lancey worked tirelessly with Pine Bush, and had to overcome hard knocks, but he finally succeeded."

This was only one of several fine Grange Halls erected as the result of Mr. DeLancey's services. Norwich Township Grange No. 1581, with which "Ed" Evans of Norwich Township gave valuable assistance, is an example. In all cases in this State the County Deputies cooperated.

Mr. DeLancey's crowning achievement was the organization of Maple Leaf Grange No. 11, Quebec, Canada. The story is recounted in another Chapter.

Past State Master Raymond Cooper paid a touching tribute to this man. "It is my thought," a letter stated, "that T. A. DeLancey's work is of far greater importance to be recorded in Grange history than anything I have done."

Thus the arrow points to real Grange worth in the background of both leaders. Well done, good and faithful Patron.

## CLIFFORD RUGG

A wise person said we do not see emerging patterns because our noses are so close to the warp and woof of our work. Does this describe our great State Farm, the Grange, and our share in it? Do we see how tall stands our neighbor farmer, how verdant his field of Grange clover, the result of his good tillage? There is story-book charm in the following story, of which we can give bare outlines.

Clifford Rugg lives in his boyhood home, on a 150 acre dairy-general crop farm. His great great grandfather built the farmhouse in 1802. When fourteen he joined Bacon Hill Grange No. 828, of which his parents and grandparents were charter mem-



bers. He had the good sense to choose as a wife, Marion Peck, daughter of charter members and Grange Lecturer. He was steeped in Grange environment.

He cites highlights of his Grange membership: 1924-26, Master of Bacon Hill; 1931-35, Deputy Master Saratoga County; 1936-42, Deputy National Grange Master appointed by National Masters Louis J. Taber and Albert Goss.

While Saratoga Deputy he organized several Granges: State Master Fred J. Freestone said in 1934; "Schenectady County is again placed on the Grange map; through efforts of Deputy Clifford E. Rugg, three fine Subordinate Granges have recently been organized, Duane No. 1528, Scotch Church No. 1529, a Pomona Grange. It is many years since New York State has had the privilege of reporting a new Pomona, so great interest is shown in surrounding counties."

Deputy Rugg succeeded in organizing Schenectady Pomona, and also helped re-organize Gallupville Grange No. 893, Schoharie County, and assisted in the organization of Georgetown No. 1540, Madison County, and Stony Creek No. 1546, Warren County.

He organized over 100 Subordinate and Pomona Granges in New York, Texas, Missouri, South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Virginia, and had special assignment duty in Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota. He stood before countless altars of new Granges. He obligated and instructed thousands of initiates, men, women, young people, in Grange principles of faith in God, loyalty to America, and respect for the dignity of agriculture. Many of these initiates served as officers in their respective State Granges and three presided as State Masters. One became National Grange Steward.

As Mr. Rugg traveled these different roads, he exerted a fraternal spirit that won people to the ideals of the Grange. Consider his contrasting experiences: In August, 1936, he installed the officers of Texas State Grange. The temperature rating was 108 degrees, "a rough assignment for a New Yorker."

In a vacant store in the Ozarks, South Missouri, he installed the officers of a new Grange while sixteen inches of snow fell and drifted. "No car could move under its own power. Some 65 Grangers were marooned. The ladies were quartered in the few homes of the little village, and the men decided "by push and shovel, to move one car at a time to the home of the Grange Master, about two miles. We arrived there at 2:00 P.M. with three cars. Two days later, with six mules ahead of my car, and six or eight men with shovels, we made the seven miles to the State Highway."



Thirteen Subordinate Granges were organized in Virginia. The National Grange Monthly said: "The good showing is due largely to the energetic extension work done by Clifford Rugg, National Deputy of New York, who spent considerable time in the Old Dominion State, and was successful in creating Grange interest."

Deputy Rugg remembers December 6, 1941. He was stalled high in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. "The invitation to take shelter with a mountain family whose large home was heated with fireplaces, was very welcome. The fact that the income of the family was derived from the manufacture and sale of moonshine did not deter me from a good night's sleep. A few hours after getting off the mountain the next morning, the news of Pearl Harbor swept across the nation."

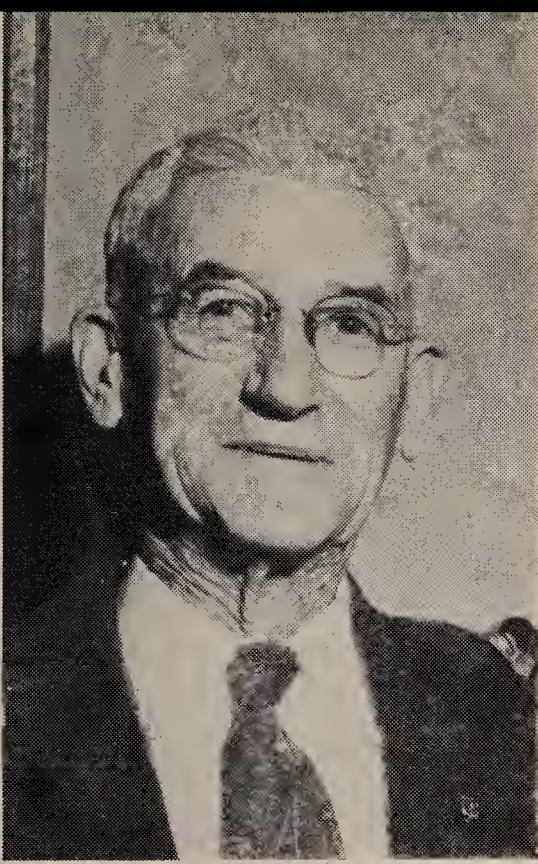
Deputy Rugg recalled the Grange "organized in the treetops" of felled trees, and the picnic lunch he enjoyed with eighteen men deep in the woods. The men were cutting the winter supply of fuel for the parson. Three women brought the "picnic." The Deputy sat on a stump and told the grand old Grange story. That night Jefferson Grange, Missouri, was organized with 132 charter members, the largest Grange organized that year. Later Mr. Rugg set up the Randolph County Mutual Fire Insurance Company for that area.

We have saved a treasured memory until last. In June, 1937, Mr. Rugg was the speaker of the day at the Minnesota State Grange picnic held at the historic Grange shrine, "The Kelley Homestead." He tells the tale.

"I had the thrill of walking on that hallowed soil, of speaking to hundreds of assembled Grangers, while a few yards away the mighty Mississippi flowed along on its journey of more than 2,000 miles to the sea. It created a picture that will always linger in memory lane."

Clifford E. Rugg—Patron born and reared in the Empire State, product of Grange spirit and its value to the community, recipient of one of the prized National Grange Deputy Recognition Award certificates, counts his greatest reward in service rendered. Bacon Hill Grange, Saratoga Pomona and New York State Grange may well be proud of this Grange son.





## FRED D. RUMSEY

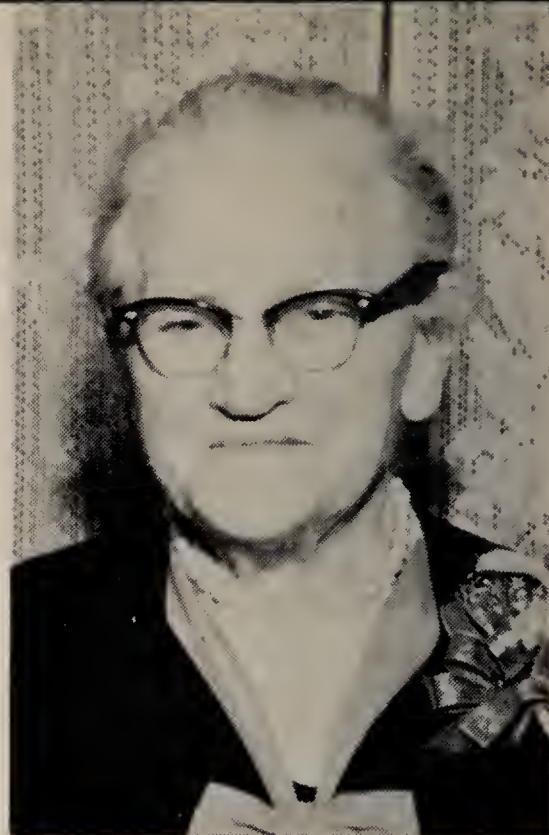
"Age is opportunity no less than youth itself, though in another dress," said Samuel Longfellow.

Fred D. Rumsey was born July 25, 1870; in 1897 he joined Enfield Valley Grange No. 295. Former Master of Tompkins County Pomona, in 1920 elected State Grange Gatekeeper, 1922-28 State Steward, 1934-35 Tompkins County Deputy, in 1946 appointed Special Deputy by State Master Henry Sherwood, he is still serving in that capacity. He has worked under eight State Masters. He and his wife, Cora, have been married over sixty-eight years. They have attended forty-one State sessions.

Assigned to meetings in forty-six counties, he has installed at least 250 sets of officers, and dedicated two Grange Halls, De-Ruyter No. 651, Madison County, and Granger No. 1116, Allegany County. He has spoken at Youth Schools, Alfred, and Deputies' School, Ithaca. A guest speaker at Pennsylvania State Grange, Mr. Rumsey spoke on Grange work in Florida, and substituted for the State Master at Chautauqua. Connected with Tompkins County Agricultural Society for seventy-six years, he is now Vice-President. He is the oldest active agent in years, in employ of the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company. A member of the Baptist Church, he is prominent in Masonic and Eastern Star circles. He is held in high regard throughout this State.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey have found joy in Grange tasks. His memory is remarkably clear. A choice recollection he holds is of six special sessions where he substituted for the State Chaplain. His favorite themes are ritualism, the spiritual lessons of our Order, and their values in human relations.





## ROBERT AND ELIZABETH WOODHULL

Interwoven in the finest Grange fabric of this great State is the contribution of outstanding Patrons who have given a lifetime of devotion to our Order.

Noteworthy among these are the names of ROBERT AND ELIZABETH WOODHULL, of Webster Grange No. 436, Monroe county. Known to hundreds of Patrons in this State and Nationally by the affectionate terms of "Uncle Rob," and "Aunt Lib," their influence for good has something undying in it.

The 1952 State Grange "Gleaner" said, "It's wonderful to have Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodhull at this session," and the 1957 "Gleaner" added: "Uncle Rob and Aunt Lib Woodhull were on hand for the 85th session. It is believed that no other couple in the State has attended so many State sessions."

The Woodhulls have attended thirty-two National Grange sessions, from East to West. They are loyal Grange members. Once, at a Pennsylvania National Grange Session the gatekeeper asked Mr. Woodhull to replace him for a few moments. A gentleman without the password approached and was refused admittance. He turned out to be a distinguished session speaker, a Grange member. Later on, when Mr. Woodhull apologized to Governor Gifford Pinchot, he was reassured with: "I am glad to find a Gatekeeper who knows his duty."

Behind the fact that Webster Grange for long had the distinction of being the largest Grange in the world, is the great achievement of Mrs. Woodhull in taking in "over 800 applications, and then," she confessed, "I lost track of the number." Her first application was for Robert Woodhull, "the first man I ever took in," she remarked with a twinkle. Of course "Uncle Rob" helped secure this remarkable record of endorsement of candidates.

While Deputy and Juvenile Deputy of Monroe County, 1930-35, the Woodhulls organized thirteen Juvenile Granges. Each and every Grange member may well ask searchingly, "What kind of a Grange would our Grange be, if we all had working Grange spirit like our "Uncle Rob" and "Aunt Lib?"

In their over sixty-eight years of Grange life, the Woodhulls have entertained in their lovely farm home, every High Priest of Demeter, every National Master, Past National Lecturer James Farmer, the State Masters of Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin; every New York State Master, and past and present State officers. All treasure their memories of the Woodhulls, their wise counsel and gracious hospitality.

February 14, 1958 dawned on the sixty-fifth wedding anniversary of these Veteran Service Patrons. The accompanying photos was taken on that occasion. On February 14, 1960, they received congratulations from President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodhull are especially happy because their own Grange, Webster, has given to State Grange several State officers, among them Fred Hecker, State Assistant Steward and Steward (1915-22); Rev. John Rein, State Chaplain; Rev. Robert Root, past Chaplain, is a former Webster Grange member. Monroe County has had the following State Grange officials, in whom the Woodhulls take much pride: Florence Auchter, Flora and State Juvenile Deputy; Margaret Thorne, Lady Assistant Steward; State Chaplains Rev. Edwin Tucker and Rev. Fred Dean.

All Patrons who had the privilege of witnessing State Lecturer Fern Palmer's fine program at the 1958 Saratoga session, were happy to see this wonderful couple seated on the stage in the episode "Twilight Rose." When Elizabeth Woodhull asked Robert Woodhull if he thought they could cross the State to this session, he replied: "It's liable to be the last one. Let's go." We hope there may be many more to come, because we need their vital Grange spirit.





### HOWARD WIGHTMAN.

Friendship, Special Deputy 1959-61, was born in 1908 on his great-grandfather's farm. He, his wife and two daughters live on what was his grandfather's farm. He is a graduate of Richburg Central and Alfred Agricultural and Technical Schools.

In 1922 he joined Inavale Grange No. 1248, where he was Assistant Steward, Steward, Lecturer, Overseer and Master. He was Deputy State Master 1938-42, and again 1955-58. In 1958 he was President of the Deputies' Association. For eleven years Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Wirt, from 1954-61 he has been a Director of the Allegany County Fair Board. In 1956, poor health forced him to quit farming, and he began to represent the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company. In 1930, Rochester session, he took the Seventh Degree. A forceful and interesting speaker, Mr. Wightman is a loyal Patron, and has been one of the teaching staff at Grange Leadership Schools. With him, church takes first place, then Grange. Here is a sample of his Grange philosophy: "The Grange, as no other organization has ever done or will ever do, has proven its unquestionable right to be the promoter, the participant, the spokesman of Agriculture."

Two other Special Deputies of the current period, deserve mention. They are Walter Gardiner, of Amsterdam, and Orville Hayes of Dolgeville. No one who has ever seen their impressive Installation ceremonies is likely to forget.

Much to our regret, it is impossible to name all who have rendered outstanding service in their own or neighbor communities. It is fitting that all possible have mention:

**EARL N. WILLIAMS**, Machias, was Secretary Ischua Grange No. 953, in 1920-23; Pomona Master, 1923-25; Deputy Grange Master, Cattaraugus County, 1928-36. Recipient of the coveted National Grange Recognition Certificate in 1939, State Master Raymond Cooper appointed him Special Deputy. Mr. Williams is deceased.

**HARRY CARPENTER**, Interlaken, Deputy Seneca County 1932-38, appointed Special Deputy by State Master W. J. Rich, served 1939-41. He succeeded in getting 15 new members in one Grange, obtained a number of reinstatements, stirred up much interest. In one community Mr. Carpenter took time to help put paper on a ceiling, and so obtained four new members. "One Grange had the habit of eating supper and then starting Grange about 10:00 P.M. I finally induced them to begin at eight."

**REV. J. SCOTT KING**, Little Britain, for 33 years Lecturer of Orange County Pomona, Moderator of the New York Synod of the Presbyterian Church, said to be first to suggest a State Constabulary, (June, 1914). He was active as assistant to Mrs. Blanche Alexander, when she was State Lecturer, and upon Mrs. Alexander's death in 1922, finished her term of office until the election of 1923. (February)

**ETHAN COON**, Rhinebeck, 1938-46 Dutchess County Deputy, had an unusual knowledge of Grange ritualism and procedure, and was widely called upon for advice and council. Called "The Violet King of the World," he gave liberal assistance in decorating Pomona's and Flora's Courts, especially at Ogdensburg, 1937, with an outstandingly beautiful Court.

**MRS. W. W. Ware (Etta)** Batavia, former Lady Assistant Steward, at the Jamestown 1938 session had attended 44 State Grange Sessions. Born May 17, 1853, she lived to be 104 years old.

**FRANK CARMAN**, Deputy Tompkins County, for long "Dean of the Deputies," attended 44 Grange sessions.

**PAUL TABER**, Ithaca, member Ulysses Grange, No. 419, in 1945 received the United States Junior of Commerce Distinguished Service Award for outstanding civic service in Ithaca, 1944. President of the New York State Junior Chamber of Commerce, in 1946 he was Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served as Assistant to National Grange Master Albert S. Goss. Mr. Taber has given most valuable assistance in Deputy Schools and State Lecturer Schools held in Ithaca.

**MRS. EMELINE GROVE** joined Kendaia Grange No. 64 in June, 1880, and later transferred to Interlaken No. 160. This is her 81st year of Grange membership, 1961. Hat's off to this wonderful Granger, a pioneer in Grange service.



## Chapter 5.

### EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. STATE LECTURERS

In 1867, nearly one hundred years ago, Oliver Hudson Kelley wrote to a friend, as related in his "Origin and Progress of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, "We want to bring in the whole farming community,—get the brains inside the vineyard, then put ideas into the brains,—set them thinking, let them feel that they are human beings, and the strength of the nation, their labor honorable, and farming the highest calling on earth."

This lay in the background of the thought expressed by Charles M. Gardner, when High Priest of Demeter, as he placed emphasis on the Lecturer's task: "To the Master is given supreme authority, to the Lecturer supreme opportunity." No officer has contributed more to the "great and crowning glory of the Grange," in educating and elevating the American farmer, than the Grange Lecturer. All, as many have, should heed the advice found in *The National Grange Monthly*, "If peradventure the Worthy Lecturer shall ask thee to take part on the program, turn not a deaf ear."

Sherman J. Lowell, later State and National Master, when Lecturer of New York State Grange, originated Regional Lecturers' Conferences. It was he who said: "Our duty to the Grange is to help round out the education of all so far as we are able. Some may need one thing, some another. Everything has a beginning; let us not be discouraged if we begin in a small way, for 'in due season we shall reap if we faint not.'"

The general duties of a State Lecturer, with some variation from term to term, include: Supervision of approximately 900 Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers in their work; suggested outline of educational, inspirational and recreational programs; letters innumerable, preparation of the annual Handbook, indexing semi-annual reports, supervision and occasional revision of the Loan Library of books, plays, bulletins; required schools and conferences; arrangement of Monday night programs or get-togethers at State Grange sessions; readiness when required to supply occasional program numbers or relaxers at State Grange sessions; attendance at National Lecturer's conferences or Grange Leadership Conferences in New York, Washington, or elsewhere. The State Lecturer is a member of the New York State Council of Rural Women. Competent participation with many groups whose purpose is rural welfare, is expected.

The caliber of the six women who have held this position in New York State Grange, since 1934, has been high. With pride and esteem all look to them as worthy standard bearers. Their annual themes challenge study. We glimpse the scope and reach of program value, when in unison across the State, Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers have developed abilities of young and old by "encouraging the young and the diffident" through study of various facets of thought provoking subjects. By encouragement of individual initiative, in regular and group meetings, the latter open to the public, a rich harvest of educational informative, inspirational and recreational material has been presented. This scope is indicated by the 1936 report of State Lecturer Stella Miller, when the Fraternity Chain was used, that by conservative estimate, 75,000 people attended group meetings. Her report of a later year showed an equally conservative estimate of 80,000 total attendance.

It is well that we consider the personal attributes and resultant contribution, if it can be measured, of these six gifted State Grange Lecturers.

**STELLA FAYE MILLER** was State Lecturer from February, 1934, through the December Session, 1939. The Rumanian proverb has it: "Over thy creation of beauty there is a mist of tears." Born March 1, 1880, she died January 12, 1953. She was the wife of E. Bernard Miller, West Chazy, Clinton County, who gave service as Pomona Master and Juvenile Deputy. Stella Miller, Deputy Grange Master 1929-34, served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Deputy Association. At the 1934 Lake Placid session Mrs. Miller received the coveted National Grange Deputy Recognition. As State Lecturer her work had a quality of brilliance.

In 1936 Mrs. Miller announced the receipt of 725 reports for the first half of the year, and 626 for the last half, study of which supplied no small amount of understanding of the Granges of the





State. She gave Blue and Gold ribbons for program quality of reports. In 1937 she awarded certificates "in recognition of outstanding, well-balanced Lecturer's programs—and for projects accomplished, thereby promoting more enthusiastic interest in the welfare of the Grange and the community." Signed by State Master, and State Lecturer, and with the seal of the State Grange, these had value. In 1937 she attended the Sullivan County meeting when the New Jersey State Grange Friendship Flag came to this State; she accompanied it to Connecticut.

CONFERENCES: Mrs. Miller held 213 Regional Conferences, an annual of 35. In 1939 67% of the Granges were represented. In the first five years, approximately 1,452 attended State Grange Conferences. In 1938 a State-wide Conference at the Hotel Mizpah, Syracuse, replaced the State session conference, and nearly 400 Lecturers attended. That same year Mrs. Miller was President of the Middle-Atlantic State Lecturers' Association, and hostess for their annual conference at Cornell University.

"Another duty, a real privilege," she voiced, "is the opportunity to reach the Granges through the Lecturer's page in the National Grange Monthly. From the reports there are very few Lecturers who do not have this splendid Grange paper. I have tried to make this page each month a personal letter not only to the Lecturers but to the Granges." Her page awoke, built and encouraged a great love and appreciation of the Grange.

The evolution of the State-wide theme commands interest. In 1935 each county selected its own theme, with typical symbol to carry from meeting to meeting. Madison County carried a small white church; Niagara, "Keynotes;" Herkimer, keys; Fulton, a gavel; Essex, "Amos and Ruby;" Steuben, a school house; Chenango, a bundle of sticks; Allegany and Otsego, altar cloths; Saratoga, a bee hive; Ulster, an album; Jefferson, a candle; St. Lawrence, a Bible; Clinton, a scroll; Tompkins, a "Good Will airship." Mrs. Miller had a large "Theme Program Book," with one page for every Grange in the State. This went to State Grange, and Middle-Atlantic Conference.

1936 saw these themes evolve into one State-wide theme, "The Fraternity Chain." Each Subordinate had a link, with a larger Pomona link. Links were joined at State Grange in an impressive ceremony with Pomona Lecturers in the forefront.

1937 had the great theme, PEACE. White flags, identical in shape, with PEACE in blue letters, design original with each county, were featured in 1000 programs throughout the State. At the 1937 session, Ogdensburg, "we were privileged to witness the very impressive ceremony of the presentation of the Peace Flags from every Pomona, carried by the Pomona Lecturers, led by the

American Flag and the Christian Flag" was recorded by the State Secretary. Mrs. Miller presided. The 1938 State Fair exhibit had a number of Peace Flags displayed.

The 1938 theme was "THE CONSTITUTION," with "The Story of The Constitution" sent every Lecturer for study and program use. 1939 presented "MY COUNTRY AND MY HOME."

Mrs. Miller said: "We must get over the idea that the only object of a Grange meeting is the entertainment part. The Grange was organized to aid rural people and help them solve agricultural problems . . . The office of Lecturer in any Grange, large or small, is important. Anyone elected to that office should feel it a distinct honor . . . No officer, not even the Master himself, has a greater opportunity to create a 'live' Grange than you. Maintaining a large Grange gathering of your own Grange members speaks in ringing tones that yours is a Grange of service. The very act of coming together with friendly smiles and kindly words is noblest service."

Appointed State Grange Historian in 1940, Mrs. Miller served through 1941. Unfortunately her home burned and many valuable Grange papers were destroyed.

In 1944, Mrs. Miller placed first in a contest sponsored by the Farm Credit Association, Springfield, Massachusetts, "Why I Buy War Bonds." The award was a \$500.00 War Bond. We conclude with her entry:

### I BUY WAR BONDS

"Because my country needs every dollar I can spare to help carry on to victory.

Because it may help to save the life of some soldier or sailor—may keep one blue star in someone's window from turning to gold.

Because it is a debt I owe for the freedom and liberty I have enjoyed in the past; for the safety and security of the present and for the hope of the future for all generations to come.

Because it is the only way I can do my part."

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The Lecturers' Slogan for 1940 was "UNITED LEADERS." Under this caption on her handbook, the new State Lecturer quoted Oliver Wilson, National Master 1911-19: "Let us look forward, and with one common purpose work for the good of all." Who was this new State Lecturer?





**HELEN KELLER**, of Bergen, wife of Jay Keller, former Pomona Master and Deputy Grange Master of Genesee County. On their farm grew three children, and also, in 1942, corn fourteen feet and one inch tall, so tall that Mr. Keller, standing on his tractor, couldn't reach the top. Kansas!—Genesee County couldn't be beaten.

Helen Keller had wide Grange experience as Subordinate Lecturer, Pomona Grange Lady Assistant Steward and Lecturer, Genesee County Juvenile Deputy, first President Juvenile Deputies Association, Member State Grange Home Economics Committee, and Lady Assistant Steward New York State Grange. The same deep and abiding love of the Grange which marks all its leaders, the same untiring zeal which characterized both predecessors and successors, stamped this State Lecturer, Helen Keller.

Her 1940 theme was "Youth." Its living symbol was real youth. At least one young man and young lady, 16 to 25 years of age, accompanied their respective Granges as they journeyed to neighbor Granges. In some cases colorful white satin banners lettered in red, "The Nation's Hope," with matching regalia, were used.

Among activities of this period were:

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS:** Such as in April, 1940, must have been deeply satisfying,—839 Subordinate and 52 Pomona Lecturers reported. Twenty-seven counties were 100%. "These reports are proof that our lecturers have realized their responsibilities of making the literary program meet the needs of their members and are developing latent abilities," was Mrs. Keller's verdict. In 1942, she reported: "It was most encouraging that of the 623 Granges reporting, 433 had a Booster Night, the greatest rural event of the year." Tabulated items from semi-annual reports were displayed on the exhibit table at State sessions.

NATIONAL GRANGE DIAMOND JUBILEE SESSION was held in Syracuse, November 12-22, 1940. Special sessions for sixth degree, prior to National Grange, and other activities added important items to the State Lecturer's share. Over 20,000 attended this National session. Through lecturers alone, 705 new members were added to the Grange roster, that year.

MIDDLE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCES held in 1940 at Delaware State College, Newark, saw 64 present from New York. In 1941, at College Park, Maryland, 74 from this State grew in Grange stature and knowledge. Mrs. Keller was Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. Such speakers as National Master Louis J. Taber, National Lecturer James Farmer, L. F. Livingston of the Agricultural Division of E. I. DuPont DeNemours & Company, and H. H. Clegg, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Federal Investigation, brought values to the Conferences. War conditions prevented the 1942-43 Conferences.

TRAINING SCHOOLS for Lecturers and Juvenile workers were held in 1940-41. The total 1940 attendance was 1,026. Mrs. Keller was assisted by such ability as: William Smith, recreation specialist, Hugh Williams, Dr. Mary Eva Duthie, dramatics, and Dr. Robert Polson, representing the Department of Rural Sociology, and Mrs. Martha Eddy, Administrative Extension specialist, all of Cornell; Paul Vogt, senior social scientist, Director of Program Study and Discussion, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Dr. Morris Storer, U. S. Department of Agriculture, both of Washington, D. C. Demonstration programs were used. The 1941 State-wide theme was: "KEYS TO PROGRESS."

In 1942 Lecturer Schools had to be discontinued, because the thunders of war were no longer vague. "Blackouts," "Victory Gardens," "Win the War," were words heard on every tongue. "Tire and rubber rationing? No excuse to stay home from Grange," declared Mrs. Keller, wisely. "Take your neighbors to Grange, win the war, build your Grange."

Mrs. Keller regretted personal contact lost through discontinuance of the schools; she substituted quarterly bulletins, sent all lecturers. These helped carry out the 1942 theme, "FORWARD WITH FREEDOM," and the 1943 "HOME SECURITY" plans. Mrs. Keller carried on through this trying period to the credit of our great State Grange Farm, the Grange, and the good of all. CONTESTS were continued, such as Highway Safety essays; skit writing, with winners published in her National Grange Monthly page, and best program of the month, with War Stamp awards, and helpful details in the Monthly. In 1943, at Farm and



Home Week, Cornell, the announcement was made that "the success of the contest" (Rural Life Poetry Contest,) "was largely due to the cooperation of Grange Lecturers."

"Cooperation," said the smiling State Lecturer, "is just common sense bounded on the north by understanding, on the east by loyalty, on the south by confidence, and on the west by unselfishness." Later she said: "It is needless for me to enumerate the vast number of obstacles the Lecturers had to battle with in their preparation and presentation of good programs during the past twelve months. . . . It is better to set ten members at work than to do the work of ten members." A gem of advice fully applicable today as it was then.

Like all State Lecturers, Mrs. Keller attended State Fair, Farm and Home Week, and conferences, such as: Rural-Urban, and Nutrition, Cornell; Free Farmers; Safety Council; State Committees on Adult Education, Farm and Home Safety; for consideration of a State-wide "Singing-to-Victory" program; annual meeting, Dairymen's League; an important seminar called by Endowment for International Peace, at New York University. As a result, she urged all lecturers to make a study of the Atlantic Charter. Following the Food Forum, called by The Dairymen's League, New York City, Mrs. Keller specially recommended Farm-City Food Forums to promote understanding of food production, processing and marketing.

"The 1943 programs have been constructive and worthwhile. Program for the coming year must increase in usefulness for on the home front no lecturer has time to waste in useless labor. . . . Study, planning, work, sacrifice, faith in God and cooperation will Win the War," said Mrs. Keller, and they did.



On December 15, 1943, the State Lecturer elect was petite **MARIETTA WINDECKER**, of Mohawk, whose previous service had developed much insight into Grange values. The former Lecturer of Plains Hollow Grange No. 572, she transferred by demit to Fort Dayton Grange No. 567, and in 1936-37 was its Lecturer. In 1938-40 Lecturer of Herkimer County Pomona Grange, the next three years saw her Deputy Grange Master. 1943-49 Lecturer of New York State Grange, her follow-up task was Juvenile Grange Deputy. Her husband, Leonard, was Master first of Paines Hollow Grange, then later Fort Dayton and also Special Deputy Grange Master. From their pleasant farm home Grange influence extended even beyond Empire State lines.

During her six year term, Mrs. Windecker attended interesting events such as the Second Annual Citizen's Conference at Colgate University, Dairymen's League, Youth and Safety meetings.

ANNUAL THEMES were: 1944, "PROGRESS THROUGH UNITY"; 1945, "SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL"; 1946, "HOME"; 1947, "THE GRANGE UNFURLED—NEW YORK STATE 75th ANNIVERSARY"; 1948, "UNITED NEIGHBORS"; 1949, "AMERICA FOR ME."

Mrs. Windecker's first Handbook stated: "1944 is a year of great need, rare and golden opportunity. All out Food Production, loved ones in the Service, and transportation restrictions due to war effort are not just obstacles in our path that we should try to make the best of, but a challenge that should bring out our best. The Lecturer who can present wholesome food for thought to a tired mind, solace and a ray of sunshine to anxious parents, wives and sweethearts, is not only rendering a great service to the Grange, but to the home folks who make up the community."



**SIX YEARS OF PROGRAM VALUE INCLUDED:** An agricultural number on every program; one Bond program per Grange; good citizenship; a higher percentage of registration and vote; soil conservation; Grange Booster Night; Go-to-Church Sunday and Rural Life Sunday emphasized. Annual reports showed 1,150 fire prevention and safety programs.

**VISUAL EDUCATION** as a matter of Grange growth and interest was on trial in five Granges each of Franklin, Orleans and Washington Counties. This developed from a conference between State Master Henry Sherwood, State Lecturer Windecker and Mr. and Mrs. C. Dana Bennett of the Encyclopedia Britannica Films Incorporated.

**CONFERENCES:** Total attendance at 35 regional and State Grange Conferences was 3,840 lecturers.

**POMONA LECTURERS' CONFERENCE** at Bibbins Hall, Ithaca, with G. L. F., National Grange Mutual Liability and State Grange as hosts, had great value. Among speakers were: Mr. Paul Taber, Dr. Karl Butler, Col. Charles Skeelee, Walter Ranney and others of the G. L. F. staff; Rev. Stanley Skinner, of Rural Life Institute, National Grange Lecturer Edward Holter, Maryland; Mr. R. B. Gervan, acting General Manager Rural Radio Foundation; Dean E. Lee Vincent, College of Home Economics and others from Cornell University and Penn State College. Following an address by Mr. Thomas Milliman, Head Marketing Division G. L. F., 750 lecturers reported use of his topic, "Grass Silage."

"The value of these conferences cannot be overestimated," said Mrs. Windecker. Clare Balfanz, Montgomery County, President Pomona Lecturers' Association, agreed. "The Ithaca Conference was extremely helpful." The Association Vice-President, Mrs. George Shulz, Niagara County, expressed it: "We were given many ideas and a wealth of program material."

**MIDDLE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**, dormant during War years, revived in 1949, was held at Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Lecturers from Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania plus New York's 97 were present. Mrs. Windecker was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

**MEMBERSHIP GAIN THROUGH LECTURER EFFORT** was 542 members in one year.

**STATE GRANGE SPECIALS:** The winning lyric song, "Seeds for Victory and Peace," written by Mrs. Bessie Drew, Malone Grange, with music by Frederick Fay Smith, Ilion, sold 3,000 copies which netted \$600.00 for the Revolving Scholarship Fund. **FOLK DANCES** in costume, competitive throughout the State, were demonstrated at State Sessions' contest finals. Such dances

as Military Scottische, Waltz Quadrille and Prairie Queen "told a most convincing story of beauty and grace when danced as beautifully as at State Grange."

THEME PRESENTATIONS: 1945 "SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL" and its slogan, "Agriculture United for Victory, " developed an informative State Grange exhibit based on "What our County is Most Famous For," with samples and definite production statistics on a comparative basis, 1940-45.

The 1947 Oswego session marked the 75th anniversary of New York State Grange. Fully 1,500 privileged people viewed the Diamond Jubilee Pageant Tuesday evening. It was arranged by State Lecturer Windecker assisted by 53 Pomona Lecturers, who selected talent and music for interludes. Episodes reviewed the organization of Fredonia No. 1, first Subordinate, in 1868; the first State Grange meeting, 1873, Syracuse, and values of succeeding years. Mrs. Harold M. Stanley was narrator for this unforgettable program.

The closing feature of the 1948 theme, "UNITED NEIGHBORS," was United Nations Drill, with 53 Pomona Lecturers who each carried one of the flags of the 53 United Nations at that time. In the grand finale, the floor drill fanned out to show a stage tableau, with people backstage in costumes of many countries, while right center upstage "Uncle Sam" and helpers packed a large barrel for shipment OVERSEAS. This was ended with "God Bless Our Neighbors."

We conclude with Mrs. Windecker's own words: "The Lecture Hour has dynamic power to serve and bear fruit through well trained men and women in a program foursquare and true."





At the Rochester 1949 State Session the delegates selected as State Lecturer a very well known Lady Assistant Steward of 1940-45, capable

**FLORENCE PICKETT** of Rock City Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Pickett were both active Grange members. Both had served as Master of Milton Grange No. 685. She had served as Farm Bureau Office Secretary. From 1935-39 she was Saratoga County Pomona Lecturer. State Lecturer 1949-53, when Florence Pickett in her final State Grange report said goodbye to the office of State Lecturer, she may have visioned another appealing position, Youth Director. Her background work as organist and leader of the Young People's Choir in her home church, and her assistance in the developing Youth Schools, indicated special skills.

During her two terms as State Lecturer, Mrs. Pickett was much in demand as speaker on occasions such as installations, anniversaries and supper meetings.

**SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES:** State Master Henry Sherwood, and State Juvenile Superintendent Mrs. John Thew assisted Mrs. Pickett in sixteen Regional Conferences and eleven Two-Day Schools in 1950. There was an approximate total attendance of 452 Lecturers. Similar schools were held in following years.

**MIDDLE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE** in 1951 was held at Cornell University. "No one could ask or hope for better cooperation than we had from the folks at the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics," said Mrs. Pickett, host Lecturer and President of the Association. The total attendance was 320, of whom 140 were New York State delegates.

The 1952 Conference was held at College Park, Maryland. Mrs. Pickett had charge of the Workshop on Program Planning and Source Material. The 1953 Session was at the University of Delaware, Newark.

PROGRAM ITEMS of her two terms included: Better Gardens for Better Living; Birdsfoot Trefoil—with G. L. F. practice programs; Rural Life Sunday observance; Landscape Gardening for Grange Halls and Farm Homes; Soil Conservation; and National Grange Mutual Liability practice programs on Safety. County chorus organizations work was continued.

STATE-WIDE THEMES-NEIGHBOR NIGHTS: 1950 "ACRES OF DIAMONDS" had as its base Russell Conway's famous lecture. "Our theme for the year is one that will open vast areas of program possibilities. It will be fun to search out the 'jewels' in our communities; let's dig for hidden ones as well as bringing out the more obvious in heritage, resources and other blessings." commented Mrs. Rodman Fellows of Tompkins County, President Pomona Lecturers' Association.

In 1951, "HOBBIES" brought more members into programs through displays, collections, demonstrations. "Just take a look at the people you know whose leisure time is taken up by the pursuit of a hobby, the release they get from the tensions and anxieties of modern life shown in their faces," wrote Mrs. Harold Lawrence, Corfu Grange, Genesee County, for The National Grange Monthly. "Hobbies are a diversion, a pastime, they furnish recreation, they are educational, they create mutual interests in family living, and they satisfy a fundamental urge to create, to make things of beauty and of use."

The theme for 1952 was especially fine. "RURAL DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN TRADITION." The traveling county symbol was The American Eagle, "the bird the Almighty created and gave freedom to build its homes on the highest crag or the tallest tree. It had the liberty to soar to the greatest heights, to find its food anywhere,—and to live out its long life of liberty. Freedom is not the gift of man or the gift of Governments. It is the gift of God. In spite of the welfare state philosophy sweeping the world, all freedom and liberty we enjoy are of Divine origin. Freedom is not 'free,' even though it is the gift of the Almighty. It had to be purchased by prayers and blood and sacrifice of patriots and saints throughout the ages." (Fragments quoted from the theme message of Louis J. Taber, former National Grange Master, in Mrs. Pickett's annual Handbook.)

The 1952 Lecturer's program, Saratoga Springs State Grange session, was in charge of Florence Pickett. This was outstanding for two reasons,—the address and the pageant. The speaker, Mr. C. L. Dickinson of the G. L. F., chose the topic, "Security is a Myth." The Journal of Proceedings reported: "Mr. Dickinson exploded the modern myth that we can get 'something for nothing', and proved to all thinking people that no 'Program, or 'Plan' can



ever replace hard work, true charity, personal responsibility, the thrift and morals of a God-fearing country."

The pageant, "Ours to Preserve," was the culmination of the year's theme. It was written by Florence Pickett, and effectively put on by the Pomona Lecturers and others.

Mrs. Pickett defined the 1953 theme, "FRATERNITY FOR PEACE," thus: "It is important that we present programs that will encourage a spirit of brotherhood in the individual, in the Home, the Church, the Grange and the community, in order to extend its influence in a wider sphere. Peace begins in the heart of the individual."

No one can question the values outreaching from those years.

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At the eighty-first annual session, Elmira, October 1953, Mr. E. Carroll Bean, High Priest of Demeter, Winterport, Maine, installed the State Grange officers. The rose and gold State Lecturer's sash was placed upon the shoulders of **MRS. HOWARD REED, Sauquoit**, who for six years had worn the Lecturer's green and gold sash of Oneida Pomona Grange. President of the Pomona Lecturer's Association for 1953, she had long been active in her home Grange, Paris No. 1452, of which her husband had been Master in 1948.

On the Howard Reed farm of 140 acres, the prize crop was their six children. Ida Reed, the busy mother, yet found time for outside service: 4H leader for ten years, at one time a Home Bureau leader, she was an active member and Sunday School teacher in Paris Congregational Church. Following her term as State Lecturer, she took up the duties of Oneida County Pomona Grange Secretary. She conducted one of the Workshops in the 1961 Middle-Atlantic Conference.



"CHARITY FOR ALL", the 1954 Neighbor Night theme, had the background thought of installing in hearts of Grange members and friends the need and understanding of "Charity" both at home and abroad. "So many times we think more of putting money in our pockets than we do of putting brotherhood in the soul," said the State Lecturer's Handbook. "The Grange is measured in the public eye by the community service it renders. Your Grange will be looked on by the outsider as to the type and character of the programs you present."

In line with this theme, her National Grange Monthly message emphasized the values of a State Grange project, CROP. She referred to the bill signed by President Eisenhower which released almost two million pounds of butter, cheese, dried milk and cotton seed oil, available from our Government under the Agricultural Trade and Adjustment Act of 1954, for aid to countries like Germany, Austria, Korea, Palestine, and Greek islands devastated by earthquake. "Dairy products, flour and beans for hungry people in other lands now present the biggest opportunity in the building of world peace, ever offered," said Mrs. Reed. "Every bushel given to CROP will deliver 20 bushels. Every can of milk will deliver 20 cans of reconstituted milk. Every dollar will deliver \$20.00 worth of food and fibre. This would mean approximately a cup of milk a day for a year for forty people, from the cash value of five cans of fluid milk; butter and cheese proportionately."

**SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES:** In 1954, seven two-day schools were held; also, in December, the Ithaca Pomona Lecturers' School, with 85% of Pomona Lecturers present. A pageant, "Building for the Future," was presented by Mrs. Verna Myers, Tompkins County Pomona Lecturer. The Cornell Student Grange "Rec" team taught recreational numbers; discussion groups assisted with mutual problems, and speakers included State Master Ireland Smith, Paul Taber of G. L. F., and Stanley Munro, Secretary of the newly organized New York State Rural Safety Council. The Leadership School at Morrisville Agricultural and Technical Institute found Mrs. Reed teaching a class on "Program Planning."

**MIDDLE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCES:** held in 1954, at Atlantic City, enrolled 123 Lecturers from New York. 1955, at Mannsfield, Pennsylvania, saw 132 New York Lecturers present. Mrs. Reed taught methods in "Discussion Groups."

State Lecturer Reed attended the New England Lecturers' Conference at Orono, Maine, and was a part of the National Youth and Juvenile Conference, Hamilton, Ohio, where representatives from 17 States exchanged ideas and molded patterns for Youth



and Juvenile work. Much valuable help came back to the Empire State from such contacts. Mrs. Reed spoke on theme topics, Booster Night and anniversary meetings in over twenty counties. She conducted Workshops for Youth Adults. She installed impressively.

From Paris Grange, during her term, went a winner from a Subordinate "Teen-Ager Road-e-o" to a regional contest at Kingston, New York. Mrs. Reed, in The Grange Monthly, defined this as "a sort of four-wheeled trackmeet in which driving situations, tough enough when met on the road, are given the heightened difficulty and challenge of a game."

**THEMES-AND STATE SESSIONS:** Mrs. Reed's 1954 State Grange program Jamestown, featured an address by Rev. O. B. Hill, State Chaplain, and a pageant by Dansville Grange No. 178, Mrs. Mae Hughes, Lecturer, in charge. Both were on the theme topic, "CHARITY FOR ALL."

The Rochester, 1955, program was a special, too. Miss Catherine Marolf, Beaver Falls Lecturer, voiced the opinion of many: "No one could ever put on a better program than Mrs. Reed. It was "tops". That pageant—I will never forget it," It was put on by Maple Leaf Grange No. 11, Quebec, Canada, Basil Kelly, Lecturer. Its title was the theme topic of the year, "BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE." Wayne, Orleans, Cortland and Monroe County Choruses had special numbers.

Mrs. Reed had a word to say about this theme: "We are trying to build better educational benefits, better homes, better Granges, better communities, better agriculture, better relations in the world. Our motto will be "Working Together is Fun."

In his 1955 annual report, State Master Leland Smith said: "Regardless of the other fields that we may work in, I want to mention again the Lecturer's field and the excellent work done State wide by Mrs. Reed. The job of State Lecturer is a tremendous one and needs the support of all."



Nearly one hundred years ago, Oliver Hudson Kelley, Grange Dreamer-Founder, said: "The main object is to encourage and advance education in all branches of agriculture." To this end

**MRS. LORENZO PALMER** has given devotion. Fern and Lorenzo Palmer live on a 90 acre fruit and vegetable farm near Williamson. They are Baptists. Mrs. Palmer has been Associate Grand Warder of the Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Palmer is former Master and Lecturer of South Shore Grange No. 552, and also served as Pomona Master and Deputy Grange Master of Wayne County. Mrs. Palmer is former South Shore Secretary, and has served her County as Juvenile Deputy and Pomona Lecturer. At the 1955 Rochester session, she faced Edward Baker, Wayne County Deputy, across the altar as she assumed the State Lecturer's obligations. In 1958 she traveled over 10,515 miles on speaking assignments, at committee meetings, officers conferences and traveling schools. Let us analyze this program applied upon the Grange years.

**REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND TRAINING SCHOOLS:** Joint conferences were held in 1956-57, with State Master Leland Smith and State Juvenile Superintendent Mrs. Roger Miller contributing. In 1958, Pat Emerson, Youth Director, and Mrs. Miller assisted Mrs. Palmer in five two and one half day schools; in 1959, there were ten Schools. In 1960 Mrs. Steve Karlik, Service and Hospitality Chairman, was one of the staff.

**MIDDLE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCES:** The 1956 Elmira, New York, Conference was at the Mark Twain Hotel, "fairly bursting at its seams." 400 attended, three-fourths of whom were New York Patrons. 1957,—Maryland, had a New York enrollment of 97. The 1958 session, held in the First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware, used the keynote, "Teamwork in Granges." Mrs. Palmer presided over the Friday morning symposium, "Joint Efforts in Agriculture," for which Dr. George



M. Worrilow, Dean, School of Agriculture, University of Delaware, was Moderator. The 1959 Conference was held in Atlantic City, and the 1960 in Penn State. For 1961 the Five-State Conference met again at The Mark Twain, Elmira, with Mrs. Palmer host State Lecturer and President of the Association. Governor Nelson Rockefeller was guest speaker at the dinner.

NATIONAL GRANGE, November, 1956, met in Rochester for its 90th session, Mrs. Palmer provided entertainment features for the reception and New York State Grange Banquet in honor of National Grange officers, State Masters and their wives. At the banquet, the Wayne County Pomona Grange Chorus sang effectively.

PROGRAM HELPS: In addition to her annual Handbooks, Mrs. Palmer sent mimeographed letters to all lecturers. With no State Grange paper or pages from this State in the National Grange Monthly, this extra communication was helpful.

THEMES OF THE YEARS and group meetings attracted attention: 1956: "GOLDEN HOURS." 1957: BUILDING A BETTER RURAL AMERICA THROUGH RESEARCH" deserves a word from Mrs. Palmer: "This theme was chosen with a special thought in mind. Faced as we are with minority and price problems, the farmer needs to look to research for an answer, not only in the agricultural field, but in the field of everyday living. We need to find new ways to combat disease, to help us live better in communities, even research and trial in ways to live in peace."

Her annual Handbook contained a letter from Mr. Wheeler McMillan, author and editor,— and we quote: "Can research really lead the way to a better rural America? It can, most certainly. No theme could be more timely nor more constructive for Grange programs this year than 'Better Rural America Through Research.' As a long-time Granger, I hope you have hundreds of fine discussions."

In 1958 the theme was also thought-provoking: "SOARING WITH CONFIDENCE IN A ROCKET AGE." 1959 programs touched boundaries of COOPERATE TO CONSERVE—WE ARE STEWARDS OF HIS BOUNTY." "To you lecturers," wrote Mrs. Palmer, "is given the obligation as well as opportunity to preserve the good traditions of rural America, and transcribe them in terms of the modern age. We are truly 'stewards of His bounties.'" The theme symol was "Sandy, the Scotchman."

For 1960's theme, "FREEDOM STREET, U. S. A." Mrs. Palmer assigned one of our fifty States to each Pomona Lecturer. For instance, Mrs. Leonard Fuller, St. Lawrence County Pomona Lecturer, assigned Minnesota, devoted her March program to a

resume of the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm Home and the beautiful State where it is located. Mrs. Robert Jones, Lewis County Pomona Lecturer, developed an outstanding program about our fiftieth State, Hawaii. An unforgettable hour based on the wonders of Alaska was portrayed by Mrs. Kay Williams, Lecturer of Franklin Pomona.

The 1961 "Neighborliness" theme had as its symbol "The Grange Liner-SS Friendship." "Hi, Neighbor," the genial greeting. Other ships on the way from group meetings included: Membership, Leadership, Stewardship, Workmanship, Worship.

STATE GRANGE SESSIONS: Delegates often remark, "We just can't miss the State Lecturer's program, Monday evening." The Pomona Lecturers' Association escort the Flag, usher State officers to seats of honor, and take program parts. 1956 featured "I Remember Mama." At the Corning Glass Center, 1957, an "internationally oriented World Cruise, Know Thy Neighbor," original with Mrs. Palmer, depicted Mr. Armchair Traveler, in the person of Assemblyman Charles Harrison; an African Exchange Student, Mr. Leonard Kagurw, Kenya Colony, British East Africa, presented his country's customs and problems; the Pakistan family was portrayed by Steuben County members, while the Prime Minister of Canada and others by actors from Maple Leaf Grange, Canada. The 1958 "In the Grange Garden," also original with Mrs. Palmer, was delightfully shown at Saratoga Springs. At the 1959 Elmira session an especially beautiful pageant, "The Silver Rug," enchanted the audience, with colorful stripes which blended into the silver of service. 1960, Watertown, featured "The Grange in Stereophonic", and concluded with "I AM THE NATION", with Harold M. Stanley, Narrator, and the Wayne County Chorus. This dramatically beautiful presentation was repeated at the 1961 Middle-Atlantic Conference.

MRS. PALMER REPRESENTED THE STATE GRANGE at a Clinic on Farm Safety, invited by President Dwight Eisenhower; on the Advisory Committee of Dr. Persia Campbell, Consumer Council for Governor Averill Harriman. Said Mrs. Palmer, "I found this well advised, because up to that time there had been no voice for agriculture on this committee, and as we are large consumers as well as producers, we needed a voice here." She is on the Advisory Committee of Dr. Olaf Larson, Cornell, on a study for Sears & Roebuck Foundation, subject, Grange Community Service Projects, New York State. By National Grange appointment, Mrs. Palmer is a member of the Board of Directors in "Farmers in World Affairs," with its headquarters opposite the U. N. Building in New York City.

In 1957 Mrs. Palmer was appointed Assistant to National



Lecturer Edward Holter. She said she "accepted humbly," but State Master Leland Smith voiced the sentiments of the State Grange: "We are indeed fortunate that Mrs. Palmer is one of the few Lecturers in the Nation chosen by the National Lecturer as an Assistant."

Since 1957 State Lecturer Palmer has had her own State Lecturer's Advisory Committee: Three Pomona Lecturers—Mrs. Esther Titus, Chenango, Mrs. Onnalee Wheaton, Steuben, and Mrs. Leonard Fuller, St. Lawrence; one Subordinate Lecturer, John Koch, Brewster Grange No. 1344; One Deputy, Mrs. Leah Benjamin, Chemung.

In conclusion, we quote: "Let the duties of your office be an opportunity rather than a job to you. . . .There are two things we need in Grange work ahead, Enthusiasm and Work." Mrs. Palmer.

"The Lecturer's office, while requiring effort thought and preparation, is rewarding. Members who serve well as Lecturers grow in ability and stature. . . .Developing knowledge through the Lecturer's Hour is to develop a powerhouse in the Grange, for knowledge is power." Edward F. Holter, National Grange Lecturer.

"The greatest thing the Grange has ever done, it seems to me, is the development of farm leaders. How much many of us owe, and how much our nation owes to the many Grange Lecturers scattered over this wonderful country of ours, we will never know. Through their efforts many are taught to express their thoughts in words, and are now leading others and filling high positions of responsibility. No organization has done more to build the very best into the minds of our members than the Grange. We are working not only for material advancement but for the spiritual uplift of rural life." From "The Foreward," by former State Master Fred J. Freestone, in Mrs. Palmer's 1957 Handbook.

## POMONA LECTURERS' ASSOCIATION

Organized in 1930, this group has been an important part of Grange activity through the years. Its members have actively encouraged Subordinate Lecturers in their respective counties, and have proved valuable assistants to all State Lecturers, through group or neighbors nights, and in every way possible, its members have transmitted Grange values from conferences and Pomona Lecturer Schools. The Association's quarterly bulletins have communicated mutual interests. The active cooperation of this group at State Grange and inter-State conferences

has proved invaluable to all State Lecturers. Information is lacking as to all officers in past years. Mrs. Miles Houck, Yates County, is the 1961 President.

## 2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### 1. THE JUVENILE GRANGE

At the sixty-fifth annual session, Ogdensburg, 1937, State Grange Historian Leonard Allen, in tribute and prophecy, called the youth branch, "The Wonder Child of the Order." For more than twenty-seven years our Juvenile Granges have made history as only a "Wonder Child" could.

Mrs. David Kidd, first New York State Juvenile Superintendent, ascertained through a questionnaire, that 537 Juvenile meetings were held per month. This would imply an estimated 173,988 meetings held over the twenty-seven year period. Juvenile Deputies, Matrons, Patrons and Juvenile Grange committees have exerted lasting influence which no delicate instrument is capable of measuring. An unrolled scroll of Juvenile accomplishment would merit a superb place in rural history. Aside from recognition achievement and contest awards, reward lies chiefly in the satisfaction that the Juvenile Grange member counts in a large way.

Only a limited number of concrete indications of Juvenile Grange service are possible here: Out of their own earnings, Juvenile Granges have made sizable contributions to such causes as Red Cross, Salvation Army, Near East Relief, Infantile Paralysis, gifts sent hospitals, Children's Homes, or to buy robes for a Junior Choir. In 1937, sixty Juvenile Granges had booths at county fairs; 1940, ninety-six exhibits were reported; 1941, ninety-two, plus fourteen decorated floats and many parades.

During World War II, Juvenile Grange members were alert Airplane Spotters, Air Raid Wardens, in canning clubs and Junior Red Cross. In 1942 they collected 35,000 used auto plates, from which they realized \$84.80 for the Red Cross. They participated in the American Agriculturist-State Grange sponsored Rat Control Contest, with prizes for boy or girl who killed the largest number of rats. They aided in scrap drives, had Victory Gardens, and when the National Grange Juvenile Superintendent issued a booklet, "The Juvenile Granges' Wartime Effort on the Home Front," the cover picture was of Seneca Falls Juvenile Grange No. 29, while feature pictures were of Southold, Nassau-Suffolk, and Newfane, Niagara, as recorded in Mrs. John Thew's first re-



port. Incomplete reports, as of 1943, showed Juveniles in eighteen counties owned no less than \$17,049.65 in Bonds and Stamps.

Juvenile Granges contributed \$314.13 to the Taber National Forest, and sent \$87.00 to the Harry Caton Memorial Library, in our neighboring State of Ohio. They gave generously to the Revolving Scholarship Fund and Susan Freestone Vocational Educational Fund. In 1959 State Juvenile Superintendent Audrey Miller reported \$548.00 and in 1960, \$476.00, collected for the Freestone Fund.

We cite a few representative examples of Juvenile service: During their annual Tri-County Dairyland Festival, Jefferson County Juveniles sold milk almost below cost, on the Watertown Public Square; Unadilla Juvenile No. 532 and Melrose Juvenile No. 646 raised money for wheel chairs; Duane Juvenile No. 345 earned money and presented a \$90.00 window to a church being rebuilt after a fire, and also gave \$25.00 to the Charlton School. In 1950, Oswego County Juveniles carried on a poster contest to publicize the Oswego County Community effort by which 77 open wells on private and State-owned land were discovered and filled.

An outstanding project, the expression of State Grange Juvenile Superintendent Ruth 'Thew's desire to promote a project of more than one year's duration, developed in 1951. The State Grange Executive Committee approved; State Master Henry Sherwood and Legislative Representative Kenneth Fake met with the State Conservation Department Deputy Commissioner. A plan evolved which committed the Juvenile Grange to raise \$1,000.00 annually for reforestation. The Juveniles raised all they could; the State Grange underwrote the balance. Plantings have been made on State-owned land; the Department furnished trees without cost and donated signs to mark Juvenile Forest areas.

The Conservation Department considered this an excellent opportunity to acquaint children with values of practical reforestation and means of retaining valuable top soil. The 1959 "Elmira Gazette" stated: "This living memorial to the Juvenile Granges of the State now comprises 639 acres numbering 513,400 evergreen trees, the kinds that will grow best in each locality." 1960 data increased acreage to 699, and trees to 519,400. Varieties comprise red pine, white pine, Scotch pine, white spruce, Norway spruce, Japanese larch.

The Chautauqua planting has 60 acres, 60,000 trees; Allegany, 62 1/10 acres, 80,000 trees; Tompkins, 125 acres, 70,000 trees; Chenango, 226 acres, 170,000 trees; Lewis 90 acres, 75,000 trees; St. Lawrence, 76 acres, 58,000 trees; Franklin's 1960 Leland D. Smith Forest, 60 acres, 60,000 trees; the 1961 planting will be in Oneida County.

State Grange sessions feature Juvenile exhibits under State and National Grange sponsorship: Scrapbooks, Achievement, County map, yard sign, wooden stool, book ends and book racks, doll bed, bird house, party apron, cone craft, decorated tray, decorated bottles, liquid embroidery, and similar items.

In 1936 The American Agriculturist started recognition of the outstanding Juvenile member with Achievement awards, presented by the Governor at the Master Farmer Banquet, Cornell. For many years there has been keen competition by Juvenile Granges for the National Grange Achievement Contest. In 1937 East Fayette Juvenile Grange No. 329 received first in the Nation, and the cover page of the National Grange Monthly told an amazing story of its work; in 1956 the winner, Addison Juvenile No. 457 received a beautiful gavel on the Youth Recognition program at National Grange, Rochester. They marched into the room wearing the striking red and gold caps and capes presented by past National Grange Juvenile Superintendent, Susan W. Freestone and Fred J. Freestone.

**JUVENILE HONOR GRANGES:** All can endorse the words of Miss Mildred Peck, Saratoga County Juvenile Deputy, 1942: "We Juvenile Deputies do like to write history for County, State and Nation." Such history written in the first nine years of this era saw a total of 789 Honor Juvenile Granges. Several had achieved that goal for five years and were Model Granges.

**JUVENILE RITUALISM** has beauty all its own. Exemplified at State sessions, comments such as these are frequently heard: 1934, Lake Placid: "One of the most impressive parts of the entire session, the work was executed with dignity, correctness and impressiveness." . . . Saratoga Springs, 1958: "It was the unanimous opinion that the young people set a standard that would be difficult for adult teams to even meet." . . . Watertown, 1960: "This ritualistic work of the Juvenile Grange was very impressive; several beautiful tableaux and a large Juvenile chorus added much." Letter perfect, without manuals, the complete poise of the teams is etched on the memory. In the last two instances cited the teams wore the smart regalia presented by the Freestones, kept for State Grange ritualism.

**JUVENILE GRADUATION CEREMONY** on October 25, 1960, Watertown, was demonstrated for the first time at a State session. Put on by Denmark Juvenile range No. 45, and Lowville Juvenile No. 81, this was under the supervision of Miss Catherine Marolf, Lewis County Juvenile Deputy. Mrs. Raymond Gordon was acting Matron, and Miss Karen Dening, Narrator, both from Lowville Juvenile.

**MATRONS OR PATRONS AWARDS:** "I feel this is a very im-



portant part of our program," said State Juvenile Superintendent Audrey Miller. "The award is in the form of a certificate. Each must score at least 80% to qualify. The award is intended to bring recognition to those people who are doing a good job."

The progress of Juvenile Grange work in this State is satisfying and rewarding to all who have helped shape the destiny of this "Wonder Child."

## 2. YOUTH — YOUNG ADULT

YOUTH—the greatest potential wealth of our Nation—  
Ours to teach, to train—to help point the way—  
that their dreams, their ambitions  
will have the proper incentive to grow—  
their shining visions to become realities;—  
their willing hands hold the future of our world—  
may we never fail them;  
youth we need and youth needs us,—  
ours the job to show them rightly  
how to carry high the torch;  
Theirs to fulfill the promise of bright dreams  
and shape expanding wonder of America and a free  
world.

It was in 1943 that State Master W. J. Rich announced: "State Grange is cooperating with the National Grange Youth movement; State Grange Overseer Henry Sherwood is our chairman." The first State Grange Youth Committee meeting was held in November, 1943. It advised: A three member Subordinate Youth Committee, close cooperation with other youth groups, and the Grange Hall a center of Youth Activity.

In 1944, State Master Sherwood reported: "The American Agriculturist has arranged a conference between our Grange youth groups and the Boy Scouts of America. We may in time develop a Council of Youth." This New York State Council was organized in 1945, thanks to the initiative of Edward R. Eastman and with the State Grange participating. Mrs. John Thew, Juvenile Superintendent, was a Council Executive Committee member. Pomona Youth Committees became active. In 1947 Youth Safety programs, outlined by the Extension Service, were advised.

During 1948 Mr. Harry Graham, State Grange Director of Expansion, outlined a comprehensive Youth Program with rela-

tive responsibilities for all Grange units. He advised cooperation with the New York State Rural Youth Conference, the U.S.A. Recreational Training Schools, and The Eastern Cooperative Recreation School.

In 1949 State Master Henry Sherwood evaluated Youth work: "I believe our Grange Youth Program should be one that will fit youth into the general Grange picture and not try to set up a separate program which would tend to segregate one age group from another. I am sure that our present Youth Committee have this very thought in mind as they plan their efforts for months and years ahead."

In 1953 the name New York State Grange Youth Committee was changed from Youth to Young Adult. In 1958 the original title was resumed to conform with National Grange nomenclature. OBJECTIVES: "To stimulate Grange membership among young people and to incite new widening experiences in fellowship, wholesome recreation and leadership. To get our young people acquainted across the State, to teach them to work and play together, and to develop friendly understanding between young people and adults . . . We encourage study programs and emphasis on youth."

Space forbids listing the members of the Youth Committees through the years from 1943 to date, but the first committee that pioneered into this new Grange territory should be mentioned, along with some who did outstanding work in youth development and leadership. The first committee consisted of State Grange Overseer Henry D. Sherwood, State Chaplain Rev. Robert Root, State Lecturer Mrs. Jay Keller, State Grange Pomona Marion Salisbury and State Ceres Florence Wickham, also the Youth Correspondent.

Special mention should be made of Elton Borden, Schaghticoke, a former Master Easton Juvenile Grange No. 92, and presented at a Master Farmer's Banquet, Cornell, with a 4A Achievement Award offered by the American Agriculturist for outstanding work in a Juvenile Grange. Governor Herbert Lehman made the award. Mrs. Pickett said: "Elton Borden really got the Youth program off the ground." Another who deserves special mention as an advisor to the committee is Guy Haviland, Jr., Middleburg. Veteran, Past President New York State F.F.A., "American Farmer," and member of the National Grange Youth Committee. He was helpful.

Members Ex Officio of the various committees were: State Masters Sherwood and Leland D. Smith; State Lecturers Florence Pickett, Ida Reed and Fern Palmer; Juvenile Superintendents Mrs. John Thew, Mrs. Morris Halladay and Mrs. Roger Miller;



Mr. Haviland; Gertrude Corfman, Pat Emerson and Louis Bruce, Counsellors of the Dairymens League Young Cooperators.

Committee Chairmen during the years were: Mr. Henry D. Sherwood, Elton Borden, Bert Morse and Allen Dunham.

**YOUTH DIRECTORS:** In 1954 Florence Pickett, Rock City Falls, assumed the newly created position of Young Adult Director. Up to the date of her resignation at the 1956 session, she fulfilled the duties of the office admirably, and her resignation was accepted with regret. On January 1, 1957, Miss Pat Emerson, a member of Richfield Springs Grange No. 771, formerly with the Dairymen's League, entered into her duties as Young Adult Director, now Youth Director. In 1959 State Master Leland D. Smith said: "The youth program is second to none, and with the leadership of Miss Emerson, the trained youth coming into our Subordinate Granges will play an important part."

**LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS, MOTIVES AND VALUES:** At the invitation of the Dairymen's League, thirteen Grange youth and Mr. Harry Graham attended the 1949 League Leadership School at Cazenovia. Subsequent State Grange Leadership Schools were held in Agricultural and Technical Institutes as indicated:

**DELHI:** July 2-8, 1950. 80 enrolled. Harry Graham, Director. Following this, test Regional Youth Conferences were held. The first, at Delevan, with Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Wyoming Counties participating, had 43 enrolled. Mr. Graham and three Cazenovia-Delphi students formed the staff. The next year Miss Bernice Scott, Cornell, was Director. 30 enrolled.

**COBLESKILL** was the site of the next two schools—1951—with 93 enrolled, Harold M. Stanley, Director; 1952, with Mr. Louis Bruce and Mrs. Gertrude Corfman Co-directors, 75 attended. 1953-54-55-56 saw the schools located at **MORRISVILLE**, with Florence Pickett Director, and enrollment for respective years, 56; 69; 56 and 98. Since 1956 Miss Pat Emerson has been Director, and **ALFRED** the host School. The respective attendance has been 100, 130, 110 and 115. "1960 was the cream of the crop," said Miss Emerson.

After the 1958 School the Committee Chairman, Bert Morse, reported: "Approximately 800 students, 16 to 54 years of age, have attended Leadership Schools. This means 800 sparks of life. Let us be careful not to extinguish these sparks." In 1960 State Master Smith said: "Over the past several years over one thousand young people have attended the Youth Schools." Their goal? Definitely the development of a high type of "skilled, trained leadership for the Grange of the future and to assist individuals to become emotionally and socially secure."

CURRICULUM RANGE: Required subjects have included: "Principles of Social Organization"; "The Grange Youth Program"; "Fundamentals of Leadership"; "Play Party Games and American Folk Dances"; "The Grange." Electives included: "Square Dance Calling"; "Dramatics"; "Games"; "Song Leadership"; "Grange Good Neighbor Policy"; "Public Speaking"; "The Grange Code and Ritualism"; "Parliamentary Law"; "Worship Service Planning"; "Our Democratic Heritage".

TEACHING STAFFS OF THE YEARS included: Ruth Norris, part-time faculty New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, member staff of National Cooperative School for Recreation, consultant to the American Military Government in Germany on Youth Recreation Program; Miss Bernice Scott, Cornell Extension Specialist; Gertrude Corfman and Pat Emerson, Dairymen's League; James Norris, part-time faculty member Columbia University, teacher in the professional theatre, New York Theatre Guild, and staff member National Cooperative School for Recreation; State Masters Henry D. Sherwood and Leland D. Smith; State Lecturers Florence Pickett, Ida Reed and Fern Palmer; State Secretary Harold M. Stanley; Clarence Johncox, Executive Committee; Ivan Borden, Yale Divinity Student, in charge of Vespers; Wib Justi, National Grange Youth Committee Chairman, and Mrs. Justi; Harry Graham, past Vice-Chairman Advisory Committee of National Rural Youth Conference; Mrs. Roger Miller, Juvenile Superintendent and Mrs. Leland D. Smith.

"It really gives one a lift to work with those young folks for a week," said State Master Smith, "the interest they show in the fundamentals of Grange work proves that given the opportunity they will lift the Grange to even greater heights than ever before." In 1954 the entire student body exemplified the first degree in full, with charges memorized in three hours, one hour per day. The next evening the pageant "The Holy Earth" was presented with every student in the caste. It was taken to Ithaca as the Grange contribution to The American Institute of Cooperation. The following year four of our Grange youth were sent to the Institute meeting at Purdue University. The State Council of Farm Cooperatives donated scholarships. Mrs. Donald Pepper, Gansevoort, was adult adviser.

"One of the broad areas of Grange Youth participation is opportunity for a representative of the State Committee to represent the Grange on the New York State Rural Youth Council, which bids fair to be as important to Youth as the Farm Conference Board is to Agriculture," stated Mrs. Pickett, Council Chairman for 1956.

SAFETY was a major Youth goal, carried out with Highway



Safety essays, Road-e-o Contests, Take-it-Easy, and "Handlebars to Safety" essay contests. Mrs. Walter Kinner, Washington County Pomona Lecturer, described the Safe Driving Contest sponsored by their County Young Adult Committee in 1954. 29 girls and boys took part; there was an official photographer; rules were outlined at Argyle Grange Hall by Parker Lamoray, District Manager of the Grange Mutual Liability Company. 200 attended the evening's banquet, with Mrs. Pickett presiding, and Cullen Burke, Chief Examiner Albany Bureau of Motor Vehicles, speaker.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM "is of immeasurable value in promoting international understanding as we strive for World Peace," said Elton Borden. In 1952 New York State had two Swiss, one British and thirty-two German teen-age exchange students. Mr. and Mrs. Borden escorted the teenagers back to Europe and brought the 1953 group back to America, "the highlight of my 25 years of Grange membership," said Mr. Borden.

INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE was sponsored jointly by the Ford Foundation and New York State Grange. Several farm young people visited farm families in foreign countries. For instance Charles Carlson, Chautauqua County, an IFYE student went to New Zealand. Ruth Morse, Essex County, spent the summer in Austria, and Gus Marvin, Monroe County, journeyed to Gautemala.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM "to achieve a two-way exchange of information about farming, home, community and Grange work, and to develop a closer understanding and spirit of teamwork between the various geographical segments of the United States, required unmarried youth, 18-20 years of age. Examples: In 1955 Ruth Morse, Whallonsburg, was a guest of Jolene Eberspacher in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, and Jolene was Ruth's guest in Essex County. Roy Taylor, Newfane Grange, Niagara County, spent a month with a Grange family in Texas. Diana Mayer, of Burt, New York, in 1957 interchanged with Ruthann Schnurr of Michigan. In 1958 four of our farm youth were guests in Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Wyoming. Young people from those homes became acquainted here.

STATE AND NATIONAL FESTIVE OCCASIONS included Youth banquets. At the Saratoga State session, 1958, a spectacular Youth Drill Team Exhibition was put on by South Cortland Grange No. 487, Ruth Goodale. leader, In the National Grange Youth Recognition Program, Rochester, 1956, young people from fifteen different States occupied the officers' chairs, and wore the beautiful golden National Grange regalia. Bert Morse was Master, and Carl Torrance Acting Treasurer, both of New York.

GRANGE QUEEN CONTEST started in 1956. Selection is made

through Pomona, Regional and State elimination. Decision is based on "beauty, poise, appearance and especially Grange activity." As our Grange Goodwill Ambassador our Queen attends State Fair and State Grange. In 1956 our Queen was Miss Julia Earls, Middleburgh, who had been active in Franklinton Juvenile and Subordinate Granges, Schoharie County. In 1957 the crown rested upon Miss Mignon Matthews, Jewett Grange, Greene County. In 1958, Miss Elaine Bushart, of Cornell Grange, Tompkins County, won the laurels. The reigning lady of 1959 was Miss Phyllis Hotaling, Lecturer of Lysander Grange, Onondaga County. In 1960, the lady under the crown was Miss Shirley Grant, Maple Leaf Grange, Franklin County. Miss Grant is a Canadian member.

GRANGE KING CONTEST started in 1960. Charles Cuykendall, of Auburn Grange No. 1247, also Steward of Cornell Grange No. 1577, was the winner in a close contest. Again, knowledge of the Grange and Grange activities was the major basis for the score. In 1960, Watertown session, titles were changed to

GRANGE PRINCE AND PRINCESS. Miss Patricia Bush, Lecturer of Moravia Grange, Cayuga County, and Walter Jaquay, Hamilton Grange, and Master of Madison County Pomona, achieved distinction as Grange royal firsts, in early 1961.

SUMMATION: Marion Mooney, former State Committee member: "Having a committee is not enough. You must have an **active** committee. Without young folks in our organization the Grange could not live on."

Pat Emerson, Youth Director, said emphatically: "We need to stop being apologetic about the Grange and start being proud of it." We can well be proud of our Grange Youth.

In conclusion, we quote Bert Morse, after the 1954 School: "Did you know that in 1874 the Grange made known its opposition to the principles of Communism? Foresight—yes, and yet practically none of our students even knew it until it was brought out in the State Secretary's class on 'Grange Policies.'" Then he added a word about the pageant, "The Holy Earth." He said, "As it closed, the audience remained in complete silence, I believe reflecting on the closeness we, as Grange and farm folks, should have with our Creator."

### 3. RELATION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

#### 1. REVOLVING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This remarkable fund has been built in the main from individual, Juvenile Subordinate and Pomona gifts, and from other



sources mentioned later, together with some early assistance from the State Grange, and the travels of the Magic Gavel Fund, for which every county in the State contributed generously. (See Volume 1, L. L. Allen History.) The fashion of its building has been one for another, emphasized by the revolving feature, since as soon as one loan is repaid it immediately goes to work for the good of another applicant. In 1930 Harold M. Stanley, Skaneateles, was appointed Fund Secretary, and this appointment has been renewed annually.

**PURPOSE:** Established to aid young people of the Grange to obtain education beyond High School, from the outset it was never intended to completely cover or even mainly supply financial assistance for college, but rather to supplement other sources. In earlier years loans were made for \$100.00 per term, but at the 1949 Rochester session, Revolving Scholarship Fund Secretary Stanley recommended an increase to \$200.00 per semester. This was endorsed by the State Grange Executive Committee as a maximum single loan, or a total of eight such loans in a four year period.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Loans at 2% interest, are available to applicants who have been Grange members for at least six months. Need and proposed use of the loan are required. No fund application has ever been refused, but some have had to wait for funds to accrue. At one time 66 applications were in waiting. There is no restriction as to selection of the higher institution, and repayment terms are reasonable.

**HOW MANY LOANS?** In 1935 it was announced that in the eight years wherein loans had been made available, 632 loans which totaled \$66,933 had been made. 54 applications were waiting. The peak of loans was 1938, with \$15,339.50 loaned. During war years, with many in service, there was less need for loans, the fund continued to build through paid loans and contributions. In October, 1960, Mr. Stanley reported that total loans had been extended in the amount of \$187,679.00. In Mr. Stanley's words: "We can now begin to realize just how helpful this part of our efforts has been. There is no question as to what the young people think of this service."

**RESOURCES:** Special means to earn money since 1934 included: The Fraternity Chain, Neighbor Nights and group meetings. It has indeed been a State Grange Fund, built by rural people. Often through one-act plays, suppers, card parties, one-half of the proceeds was retained in the Grange treasury. Under this caption came the G. L. F.--State Grange sponsored G. L. F. Rolled Wheat Suppers, with 360 Granges turning over \$2,994.51 to the Fund. The G. L. F. donated prizes. In 1941, from the G. L. F. Cookbook project, \$1,781.59 wended their way into the Fund

treasury, with more Granges to report. Juvenile Granges were active contributors, the Service and Hospitality Committee substantial donors. The Scholarship Bank, for instance netted \$3,120.14.

**GIFTS AND BEQUESTS:** Mr. C. W. Pratt, Erie County, donated \$500.00. Sullivanville Grange No. 1305, Chemung County, disbanded in 1949, sold their property, and turned \$2,000.00 to the Fund. In 1957, Rosalie Hagerty, Kendaia Grange No. 64, left a bequest in honor of her parents, the late A. J. Bartlett, first Pomona Master and first Deputy of Seneca County, organizer of many Granges, and Mrs. Bartlett. When settled, this estate boosted the Fund by \$21,698.59.

**"GREATEST NEED of the Fund,"** reported Mr. Stanley in 1937, "is to establish a surplus of such size that loans may be made as soon as applications come in, instead of the hand to mouth method with applicants waiting until funds come in." In 1943: "Loans repaid during the first 14 years totaled \$75,187.53. It is good business to get this money into interest bearing accounts." In 1945, "It is interesting to note that we purchased another \$10,000 Bond from the Fund balance. This makes three, or a total of \$30,000.00 in War Bonds at a cost of \$22,200.00." In 1960, in the name of the Revolving Scholarship Fund, 200 Empire Livestock 5% Income bonds at \$100.00 each were purchased.

**VALUES:** "What is the Revolving Scholarship Fund Doing?" **"BUILDING,"** was Mr. Stanley's succinct answer. "Membership, Loyalty, Brotherhood, Character, Educational values. . . Loyalty to an Ideal has made it possible to carry on this work." In 1957 Mr. Stanley said: "Many times a loan has been the deciding factor as to whether a student would remain in college or have to leave."

**STUDENT TESTIMONY:** "I will always feel a moral obligation to the New York State Grange and its Revolving Scholarship Fund."

"Through this Fund I have been able to complete two years at the State University Teachers' College, Plattsburg."

During World War II. "I want to thank you and the Grange for this loan. I am a Navy Nurse in the Country's Service."

From a First Lieutenant in the Army: "I am enclosing a small donation to help some other student through school. I know that without this aid I would never have been able to complete my four years in college."

"Without the aid of the Grange Scholarship Fund I probably never would have been able to have received my M. D. degree and now be a practicing Industrial Physician."

"This loan was a big help to me in getting through Business Institute. I now have a good position."



“I have been accepted for Medical College. I want to express my gratitude to the Grange for this wonderful help in assisting students to obtain an education. Without it I would be unable to go on.”

“I could not have become a teacher without this loan which made my college education possible.”

“I shall consider this loan a debt of honor. It makes a person feel good to know that he belongs to an organization like the Grange.”

In 1960 twenty-five loans were made. Secretary Stanley said: “It is interesting that these students are attending seven different institutions. Six are at Teachers Colleges, seven at four of the Agricultural and Technical Institutes, one at Cornell, one at Florida University, one at Lycoming in Pennsylvania, and one at Setan Hall, Pennsylvania. The subject range covered teaching Food Administration, Home Economics, Food Service, Nursery Education, Electronics, Engineering Science and Math., Business Management, Medical Technology, Art, Agriculture and Dentistry.”

“SCHOLARSHIP FUND INFORMATION (August 18,1961):

Amount of Loans to Date .....	\$192,479.00
Number of Students Who Have Used The Fund, All Members of Granges in New York State .....	1,002
Number of Different Schools or Colleges Attended .....	203
Number of Different Professions or Occupations Selected .....	83

The Applications Have Come From EVERY COUNTY In The State And Every County Has Helped To Build The Fund.”

**2. SUSAN W. FREESTONE**  
**VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FUND**

“We here in the Empire State are honored to have one in our midst who has toiled and sacrificed her time and strength to see the Juvenile work go ahead. It seems only fitting that we pay some tribute to such a loyal Patron. The Executive Committee of this New York State Grange has authorized the Juvenile Grange to build a fund to be known as ‘The Susan W. Freestone Vocational Educational Fund,’ honoring Mrs. Freestone for her untiring efforts in promoting Juvenile work in the State and Nation, such fund to be administered by the Juvenile Superintendent and the Executive Committee. This will be one of the outstanding pro-

jects for the girls and boys." This was announced by Mrs. John Thew, New York State Grange Juvenile Superintendent, at the 1945 Rochester session. Originally proposed by Mrs. Thew, her thought was to have results worthy of esteem.

At the outset an annual grant of \$100.00 each was issued to one boy and one girl, to be paid upon entrance to one of the six Agricultural and Technical Institutes in the State. Grants were made on the basis of excellence in school work, school activities, home projects, community and Grange activities. Contestants were required to be Subordinate Grange members, former Juvenile Grange members, with final selection by competitive examination. In 1950, the Executive Committee increased the annual grant to two girls and two boys, High School graduates, to receive the \$100.00 for each year of the two year course. In 1960 six grants were made instead of four, and a score sheet planned to aid selection. The Juvenile Superintendent as Fund Secretary turned collected money over to the State Treasurer as a separate fund.

Initially, the State Grange made sizable investments. Juvenile Granges, Subordinates and Pomonas contributed annually, totals ranging from lesser amounts to \$1,218.90 in 1947. In 1950 each Long Island Subordinate was asked to contribute cakes to be sold at auction, proceeds ear-marked for this fund. Southampton, Southold, Brookfield, Sound Avenue, Mattituck and Sunrise Granges jointly raised \$100.00 for this worthy cause. At the 1960 Watertown session, State Treasurer Robert M. Payne reported cash and investments on hand, total, of \$14,715.49. Since the terms of this fund provide for outright grants with no revolving feature, it cannot be compared with the older Revolving Scholarship Fund, which has loans repaid for one source of increase. None the less, this youthful fund renders valuable service in the education of rural youth.

Enrollments in at least twenty-two counties—Chautauqua, Chenango, Cortland, Dutchess, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Rennselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Steuben, Suffolk, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates, have been made in all six of the Institutes,—Alfred, Canton, Cobleskill, Delhi, Farmingdale and Morrisville. Subjects available include: agriculture, art, homemaking, the industrial field,—such as air conditioning and refrigeration,—music, nursing and kindred subjects.

This fund has enabled about fifty girls and boys to obtain a higher education when financial conditions or choice of vocation made a two year rather than a four year course advisable. All have expressed gratitude for the opportunity afforded, and will always hold the name of Susan Wilson Freestone in grateful re-



gard. Her framed photo hangs in the hall of the Grange each student represents.

#### 4. RELATION TO INSTITUTIONS OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

##### 1. CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Question may arise as to why mention of Cornell University is included in this history. The great University is now 93 years old. Our great State Farm the Grange, is nearing its 89th birthday. Herein lies the answer.

The Charter of the University lists forty members on the Cornell Board of Trustees: Five appointed by the Governor of New York State; the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, speaker of the Assembly, Commissioners of Education, Agriculture, Commerce, Industrial Commissioner, President of the State Agricultural Society, Librarian of the Cornell (city) Library, President of Cornell University, as trustees ex officio; the eldest lineal male descendant of Ezra Cornell; 33 elective trustees, 22 by the Board of Trustees, 10 by alumni, and one by the New York State Grange.

Again a question arises: Why New York State Grange? When the College of Agriculture was very young, and our State Grange was four years old, there were some critical delegates at the 1877 Rochester State Grange session. Wisely, a committee of investigation was appointed which went to Cornell to investigate this new school. They discovered the dear dream of Ezra Cornell and his primary interest in agriculture, with which the first University President, Andrew D. White, concurred. Incidentally, what would these two dreamers think today of this College of Agriculture now widely rated as the finest in the world? How would they rate our great State Farm the Grange? There would be mutual pride.

The men of vision who made up the State Grange committee gave their report at the fifth annual session, also held in Rochester. Briefly summarized: "There should be a closer relationship between the University and the Farmers of the State. The latter should cooperate with the University in its educational mission. . . As helping bring the University and the farmers together we urge upon the trustees the importance of calling into their board representatives of practical agriculture. And we suggest to the Grange the propriety of recommending a suitable representative for a place on the board."

Dean Albert Mann, in a letter to State Secretary Stanley stated: "It was in the early days of the University that the Charter was changed to include representation from the Grange. . . . when the Grange began to develop an organization representing the interests of farmers somewhat widely in the State, and education was set forth as one of its chief interests, it was very natural that the University should wish to invite the Grange also to appoint a Trustee. As you well know, the Grange has been a strong force in the development of the College and has stood constantly for its support on a basis which would enable it to serve better the continually widening interests of farmers and needs for service. In the history of this University the cooperation of the Grange is a very important chapter."

The first Grange appointed trustee was F. E. Dawley of Fayetteville; W. F. Pratt, the second. This period of history deals first with the third, appointed in 1930, and no less than

**HOWARD EDWARD BABCOCK:** Born February 23, 1889, "Ed" Babcock was a truly great Grange member. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1911, served as County Agricultural Agent, then State leader, later Professor of Marketing in the State College of Agriculture. He helped form the New York State Agricultural Conference Board, served as its Secretary, was Secretary of the State Farm Bureau and State Director; he helped organize, develop and strengthen the Cooperative Grange League Federation and served as its manager until 1936 when he retired and became its director of research. During World War II he was assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board and Director of the Central Bank of Cooperatives. Governor Dewey appointed him as head of the New York State Food Conservation Commission; he was a member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Agricultural Advisory Commission and held other important positions.

It was while he represented New York State Grange as its member on the Cornell Board that State College Councils, to include representatives of farmers and housewives to help solve problems and develop long term policies of the three State Colleges, were established. In 1941 Mr. Babcock, who had been Acting Chairman one year, was elected Chairman of the Board. The cause of his resignation as Grange Trustee was wholly because the Grange representative was appointed annually. It was not feasible for the Board Chairman to be elected on a one term expectancy. Mr. Babcock said: "I feel this honor came to me primarily because of the importance of the Grange in the affairs of the State." The Grange has always had great pride in our distinguished member. His life contribution is apparent to all.



Mr. Babcock's life-time objectives were listed at his "Sunny-gables Farm" of 1,000 acres: 1. Perpetuate the family farm economy of America. . . . 2. Focus research, education and co-operative action on family farm problems. . . . 3. Improve the American diet—the most practical means by which family farm operators may protect their way of life and **serve human welfare.**"

The National Grange Monthly commented: "Mr. Babcock advocated a sound farm program built on animal agriculture, and felt that by upgrading the human diet the farmer would be assured of a firm market; that business would operate to capacity, and the nation be stronger physically, mentally and spiritually."

Largely through Mr. Babcock's effort the School of Nutrition first of its kind in the world, was established at Cornell. In 1953 Deane W. Malott, President of the University, evaluated this School: "Of Cornell's many endeavors, none holds greater potentialities for the good of mankind than the work in the School of Nutrition."

On July 12, 1950, this Grange member who had done so much for farmers and farm welfare, passed away. New York State Grange, Subordinate and Pomona Granges and other farm organizations donated over \$500,000 to carry out his dream of nutrition research through the H. E. Babcock Memorial Professorship and Endowment Fund. D. Herrell DeGraff was the choice for the Professorship; his "the responsibility of promoting a broader understanding of the importance of better diet as a matter of public policy, for the mutual benefit of agriculture, the food industry, consumers and the national economy."

When Mr. Babcock resigned in 1941 as the Grange Trustee, his mantle fell upon:

HAROLD M. STANLEY, a member of the Councils of the Colleges of Agriculture, Home Economics and Veterinary. He also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Agronomy Department, has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board; on its Government Relations Committee and the Committee of Student Health and Hygiene. He served on a Sub-Committee of Buildings and Grounds, which recommended a long term building plan, including: An Agricultural Library, fireproof, to house the already existing valuable agricultural library then contained in a rather hazardous shelter (The Library was named Mann Hall, after a fifty-year Grange member, Dean Albert Mann.) Also recommended were an Agricultural Engineering Building; a Poultry Research Farm and Plant with Science Building; a 19 Building Plant for Veterinary purposes; a Research Library to house 2,000,000 books and with a seating capacity of 1,200.

Noteworthy among buildings constructed is Savage Hall, the new Biochemistry and Nutrition Laboratory, the first school building on any campus to be financed entirely by farmers. "Through the generosity and foresight of farm groups this fine building was erected. Farmers as well as other groups have a great stake in this very essential work," said Mr. Stanley. The School of Nutrition in this Hall was named after Professor Elmer Seth Savage, for 35 years a member of the College faculty, and for 22 years Secretary of Tompkins County Pomona Grange.

Among other prominent Grange members who were active on the College of Agriculture faculty we include Professor Henry Wing, Golden Sheaf member. It was he who sponsored the original resolution which created the purchasing agency of the New York State Grange, forerunner of the G. L. F. Exchange. Professor Wing was an untiring civic, social and religious worker. Professor Emeritus of the Animal Husbandry Department of the College of Agriculture, the Coliseum at State Fair is named the "Wing Coliseum" after him. He was President of the Holstein-Fresian Association of America, State Dairymen's Association, and American Association for the Advancement of Science. He died in 1936.

In the forefront of distinguished Cornell Faculty Grange members was one who belonged to McLean Grange No. 1075, no less than Dean Carl Ladd, who said: "Happiness comes not so much from what you do for yourself as from what you do for others." After his death the Conference Board of Farm Organizations, assisted by New York State Grange, many Granges and hosts of friends raised a Memorial Fund of \$100,000. to provide scholarships for farm girls and boys. Nothing could have pleased Dean Ladd more than to have farm people raise a fund to educate farm youth. "A program to be successful must come out of the hearts and desires of the people themselves," said Dean Ladd in State Grange session. He passed away July 23, 1943.

Three others were placed high in this list by H. E. Babcock: "Cornell University, the State Grange and New York State may be proud of three men, all connected with the College of Agriculture, and all three high in the councils of the Nation: Professor George Warren, Professor Pearson and Professor W. L. Myers, later Dean of the College."

The underlying thought of our Grange representatives as they reported to State Grange is well worth consideration:

"Membership on the Board carries with it a very considerable challenge, a challenge to represent adequately a great industry like agriculture, and particularly a great farm organization like the Grange." Mr. Babcock, 1934, Lake Placid.



"A few years ago I pointed out there were almost no men on the Board who knew Agriculture first hand. Now such outstanding farm leaders as Eastman, Burritt, Sibley, Van Wagenen and Ten Eyck capably represent agriculture, and give consideration to policies which concern the State Colleges, and Experiment Stations." Mr. Babcock, 1936.

"Research, education and cooperation have become the magic words in agriculture today." Mr. Babcock, 1939.

"Like the Grange, Cornell came into being in the critical period following the Civil War. Today we find both again looked upon to play important roles in the critical years ahead. Both have records of being pioneers and of giving enthusiastic support to worth while things." Mr. Stanley, 1945.

"Cornell has had a program of Public Lectures and Forum Discussions in which a systematic attempt was made to place before the public the story of the great American Traditions and Freedoms." Mr. Stanley, 1949.

"At least three out of every five farms in this State are using practices recommended by the College of Agriculture," Mr. Stanley, 1953.

During the 1940 Syracuse National Grange session, delegates saw for themselves "Cornell, the Farmer's Friend," in a one day tour. Each have held pride in his heart with one thought. "The great and crowning glory of our Organization is to ELEVATE and EDUCATE the American Farmer."

Mr. Stanley resigned in June, 1961. His successor is Dr. Bruce Widger, Marcellus veterinarian.

## **2. GENEVA EXPERIMENT STATION**

The Cornell Board of Trustees likewise has jurisdiction over the policies of the Geneva Experiment Station. An interesting item in connection with the establishment of the Experiment Station was a resolution adopted at the Fifth Annual Session of New York State Grange held in Rochester January 22-24, 1878. The resolution read in part:

Resolved that we recommend . . . . the establishment of an agricultural experiment station . . . and that it is our opinion that the proposed station can be established more profitably to all concerned, IN CONNECION WITH CORNELL UNIVERSITY THAN ELSEWHERE."

This affiliation did not take place until 1922, many years after the date of this resolution, but it is a tribute to the foresight of the early Patrons of Husbandry in New York State. Charles M. Gardner, in his "The Grange—Friend of the Farmer," said: "The Grange was an early advocate of the establishment of experiment

stations for agriculture, starting as far back as 1880." The resolution quoted in the above paragraph was under date of 1878, which placed New York State Grange far in the lead as to this unquestionably valuable enterprise.

Law passed in 1880 placed the management of the Station "with the Governor, ex officio, the executive officers of the State Grange and the several agricultural societies and two members to be elected by the Board." At the 25th anniversary, Experiment Station, in 1907, Director W. H. Jordon said, after paying tribute to the College of Agriculture and its cooperation, "Last, but not least, are the agricultural organizations of the State. Chief among these, and most comprehensive, is the Grange, to whose unwavering support we owe much."

Up to 1951 an annual report of Station activities was given at State Grange sessions; after this Mr. Stanley, our Grange representative on the Cornell Board, included some notations as to Station progress in his annual report. While this is not a history of the Experiment Station, brief extracts from reports of three Station Directors are in order. We quote from Mr. U. P. Hedrick's report, 1934 Lake Placid session:

"The Station is most desirous of helping the Grange and the Grangers. We are ever mindful that it was largely through the efforts of the Grange that the Station was founded, and it is a source of pride and pleasure that the Grange has ever been helpful and cordial in its attitude toward our institution." Again, in 1937, Mr. Hedrick said: "The Grange was largely responsible for the founding of the Geneva Experiment Station,—it is your Station more than that of any other group of farmers."

In 1941 his successor, Dr. P. J. Parrott, said: "The Grange was one of the original sponsors of the Geneva Station, and both officers and members have always maintained a very intimate and personal concern for the institution and its work."

In 1946-47, Dr. Parrott's successor, Dr. Arthur J. Heinicke, pointed out in his State Grange reports: "The Grange has taken a special interest in the work of the Station from the very outset, and this has been a continuing source of stimulation to our staff . . . .The New York State Grange was prominent among the groups who, some 70 years ago, urged the establishment of an institution to promote the agriculture of the State through scientific investigation and experimentation."

"A SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY" with fields, orchards, gardens and herds ranking with microscopes and balance as implements of research," was Dr. U. P. Hedrick's definition of this Station.



It is interesting to note that in 1934 research was conducted in 191 different projects, involving animal disease, pasteurization of milk, diseases of fruits and vegetables, with tests made of about 3,000 kinds of fruits. In all there have been about 200 projects involving production, use and processing of fruits and vegetables.

“FARM RESEARCH,” the Geneva publication was started in 1935. Many valuable bulletins originated in the Station. Its service has been world-wide, and its respect international.

CELEBRATION of the Geneva Experiment Station's 75th anniversary occurred October 4, 1957. During the Anniversary program Dr. Heinicke referred to the major part played by New York State Grange in the origin of the Station, and so recognized the vision of the young State Grange of 1878.

EARLY GRANGE GOAL: “To increase the products of the earth by increasing the knowledge of the producer, is the basis of our structure; to learn and apply the revelations of science, so far as relates to the various products of the vegetable world, and to diffuse the truths and general principles of the science and art of agriculture, are ultimate objects of our organization.” So said William Saunders, noted landscape gardener and first Master of the National Grange, in a speech made in 1870.

We believe the Geneva Experiment Station is one of the realizations of this early dream of the Founders of our Order.

### **3. AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES**

Throughout the years, New York State Grange and these Schools have been on most friendly, cordial terms. These six Schools or Institutes are: Alfred, Canton, Cobleskill, Delhi, Farmingdale and Morrisville. One phase of this co-operation has been especially delightful. Featured at evening programs of the annual State session, speaking contests between students of the six Institutes were among most noteworthy events. The original text was the product of individual thought and research, thus fresh, appealing, a credit to the training afforded students. Such contests were carried out from 1932 through 1948.

The State Grange presented medals to all contestants, with first, second and third awards. The Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee presided,—Edson Walrath through 1940, then David Kidd, Leland Smith and Clarence Johncox in years when Chairman. In 1941-43 State Lecturer Helen Keller presented the Grange medals.

At the Seventh Annual Contest, 1938 Jamestown session, Dr.

A. K. Getman of the State Department of Education said these contests have served as a stimulus to the students. "These young men are a living demonstration of the kind of education these schools are giving. . . .During the seven years these contests have been held, there has been a 20% increase in registration." Dr. Getman expressed his appreciation to the State Grange for conducting these contests.

To indicate quality of thought presented and its relation to the State Grange program, we include a few selected titles: "What Young People Expect in Rural Life,"; "Agriculture, the Cradle of Democracy,"; "Cooperatives Have Grown Up,"; "The Farmer Becomes a World Citizen,"; "Why Not Work Together?"; "Agriculture, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,"; "The Rural Community on the March,"; "The Grange in America,"; "Chemurgy and Agriculture."

Such speaking contests continued for eighteen years. In 1949 a change was made, in an entertainment program in which all six Institutes participated. Mr. M. B. Galbraith, Director of Morrisville was in charge. Mr. Stanley, State Secretary, recorded: "The change from former years was much enjoyed and gave us a good cross section view of these students, their capabilities and their training." In subsequent entertainment programs each Director presented a number.

1950 saw another feature added. James Hall, Field Editor of the American Agriculturist, presented gold medals to winners of The American Agriculturist Achievement Awards for young Grangers: Award winners were Audrey Morehouse, Garratts-ville, and Willis Simpson, Port Jervis, both sixteen years of age, and each trained in the Juvenile Grange. Paul B. Orvis, of Alfred, presided.

1956-60 saw unusually fine musical programs presented by one school or another, with chorus, concert choirs, solos and instrumental numbers. These touched a high note in State sessions, to which all looked with keen anticipation.

In 1946, study of the needs of these six institutions led to a Grange recommendation to the State Legislature for a five year expansion plan, with approximately \$7,000,000 appropriation for much needed buildings, dormitories and equipment. This would give opportunity for more and better trained boys and girls to operate New York State farms.

In 1959 the State University considered a plan to: 1. Transfer the State Agricultural and Technical Institutes to the counties where located, and 2: Charge \$300 per pupil instead of free tuition. At the 1959 Elmira State Grange session the delegates opposed this action because: 1. The maintenance would fall upon



the counties of location, and real estate taxes, already heavy, would be burdensome. 2. Graduates of these Schools have made a great contribution to the economy of the State, and the principle of free tuition should be preserved to enable such students to continue education.

At the 1960 Watertown session, State Master Leland D Smith reported: "The State University, largely because of Grange effort, has given up the idea of making Community Colleges out of the Agricultural and Technical Institutes."

Up to 1960 the heads of the Institutes were called Directors. In 1960 the title was changed to President. Among those who have served so ably are (partial list): Alfred, Paul B. Orvis and Walter C. Hinkle, Acting President; Canton, Van C. Whittemore (former State Grange Steward), and Albert E. French; Cobleskill Institute of Agriculture and Home Economics, Ray L. Wheeler, Charles M. Gaffney, Dean; Delhi, William R. Kunsela, President, William F. Kennaugh, Acting President; Farmingdale, Halsey Knapp, William E. Medesy, Charles W. Laffin, President; Morrisville, Royson N. Whipple.

## Chapter 6.

### AGRICULTURAL AND PUBLIC GOOD

#### 1. LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Step backward in time to the Lake Placid, 1934, session, and you will note this outstanding example of service in the legislative area, as presented by State Master Fred J. Freestone: "Had it not been for the work of the Grange in cooperation with other farm interests, every farmer in New York would be paying a 65% surtax on his truck."

History shows that for many years the State Grange was represented at our State Capital, during the Legislative Session, by the Executive Committee, or the Legislative Committee, made up of State Master, Chairman of the Executive Committee and State Secretary. Various State Masters have paid tribute to the quality of such work.

At this same State Grange session, State Master Freestone emphasized this type of value: "Nowhere is your Grange more needed and more effective than in preventing legislation unsatisfactory to farmers and in securing helpful laws. Your Grange is represented on the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Commission and the New York State Conference Board of Farm Organizations, in which the farmers of the State work together in a united team for the good of the men and women who live on the land." At the Oneonta session, 1935, he assured the delegates: "This legislative job is one of the most important and least known of Grange activities. As a result of our work and that of other agricultural leaders, New York State has the best farm laws of any State in the nation."

In 1937, Ogdensburg session, a telegram relating to the farm bill pending in Congress was sent to State Senators Royal Copeland and Robert Wagner, and signed by State Master Raymond Cooper:

"New York State Grange assembled in 65th annual session, representing 135,000 farm folks, is strongly of the opinion that the senate farm bill S2787 should be re-committed to the committee on agriculture and its compulsory features stricken out. . . .we are opposed to the wholly unnecessary and un-American regimentation of agriculture proposed in this bill. We are persuaded that no progress can be made by evading, nullifying and violating the constitution as this bill does. If the measure is not modified to meet these objections we trust that it may never be enacted."



A second wire went to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, William B. Bankhead. "New York State Grange, assembled in 65th annual session respectfully requests that the hours and wages bill be recommitted to the committee on labor, to the end that the agricultural interests of the country may have a hearing and give reasons why this bill should not pass."

In 1941, Rochester session, State Master W. J. Rich commented, "What better organization to defend agriculture than the farmer's best friend, the Grange? The Grange and other members of the State Conference Board secured passage and also the signature by the Governor of several bills including seven which carried a total of \$50,000 for research at Cornell and Geneva Experiment Station."

State Master Henry D. Sherwood in his turn, gave an insight into legislation which was the direct result of Grange work. Many of our successes were due to cooperation with other farm groups, but certain things came directly from the Grange. I am thinking now of the School Bus Law. Often as I used to drive the roads of the State I would remark as we saw one of the signs, "Stop for School Bus," "that those signs were put there by the State Grange. Actually a State Department erected the signs, but we were entirely responsible for the law. I have often said that if we saved the life of one single child because of the law, our program was a success."

It was in 1949, during the Sherwood administration, that the Grange presented a bill in the Legislature to exempt all Grange Halls from inspection under the Code of the Labor Department. The bill passed and was signed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Previously our Grange Halls were classed as places of public assembly, and as such were subject to inspection by State Police and the Department of Labor. "In order to get the bill passed and signed, we had to make definite promises as to what we would do to make certain that Grange Halls were safe places for people to meet. This was carried out, the code was adopted by the Executive Committee, a copy was mailed to each Grange Master, who was instructed to post the Code in a conspicuous place. This law saved the Grange many thousands of dollars. Every Grange must cooperate that we do not again return to the severe and unreasonable demands of the old law administered by the Department of Labor. Should we fail to comply, and some bad catastrophe occur, it would be possible to have the Legislature take away that which they have given us."

1934 to date, the State Grange, through delegates action, has favored: The Rogers-Allen Law and Federal and State Marketing Agreement that . . . dairymen may solve their own problems by united action. . . . Proper compensation to dairymen for loss of

reacting cattle from Bangs, Mastitis and Tubercular tests. . . .The right for farmers to siphon water from the Erie Canal for cattle and spraying purposes when it did not interfere with navigation. . . .Driver Education program for schools. . . .State appropriations for Farm and Home Bureaus. . . .Research for control of corn borer, Japanese Beetle and Oriental Peach Moth. . . .Farm-to-market roads. . . .Repeal of Daylight Saving Law. . . .A very severe penalty for peddlers of drugs to school children. . . .Abolishment of the State Board of Social Welfare and appointment of Welfare Commissioner by The Governor. . . .Legislative investigation of Education Department. . . .That all decisions of Commissioner of Education be subject to Court review. . . .Recommending revocation of Operator's license of one found driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated, and if such operator be involved in a fatal accident, that he be charged with manslaughter. . . .Right-to-work law. . . .Support in suppressing obscene literature. . . .That age limit of purchase of alcoholic beverages be raised to 21 years.

Opposed: Sales tax, except on luxuries, since "a sales tax falls upon necessities of people, violates principle of ability to pay. The farmer must pay a tax on necessities of life for himself, and also on things he buys to enable him to produce his product" . . . .To tolls on the Barge Canal, since such tolls would greatly increase freight charges to farmers and consumers. . . .Names of communist candidates for public office. . . .Legislation to compel building of civilian bomb shelters. . . .Plan to do away with present Junior Operator law.

Is it any wonder that Special Deputy Howard Wightman asked: "Can any person in this great country of ours name an individual, a group of people, an organization or what have you, who can say they have lived a single day since 1900 or earlier, without protection against fraudulent or wasteful practices, due to Grange action, discussions, legislation, concerning everything we eat, everything we wear, our medicine, our services in civilian life?"

A LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE was appointed by the Executive Committee in 1944. "We look forward to greater and more effective legislation for the benefit of the farmers of our State as a result of our present program," said State Master Henry Sherwood. He pointed out that it would be far wiser and less expensive to employ a legislative representative, who would be in Albany during the entire legislative session, and also be in a position to give advice to the State Grange Legislative committees and otherwise render legislative suggestion. We were fortunate in securing MR. KENNETH H. FAKE of Cobleskill," said Mr. Sherwood. Mr. Fake had had ten years of experience as Member of Assembly, in which he served as Republican Caucus



Chairman, and ranking member on both the Ways and Means and Agricultural Committees. He was Secretary of a special Legislative Committee to study needs for legislation to improve county and town highway systems. He specialized in and introduced in the Assembly several bills amending highway laws, and establishing the county highway system, and that which led to the State assuming the cost of bridge construction on State Highways.

Kenneth H. Fake's early years were spent on a farm. He has a genuine interest in agriculture since his home county, Schoharie, is entirely agricultural. Educated in Cobleskill High School and Albany Law School, he enlisted in the army in World War I. Discharged as Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery, he went into the insurance business. He has served his church in local, district, State and National levels. He is past Master and now Treasurer of Cobleskill State School Inc. Grange No. 1499, a member of Schoharie Pomona Grange Executive Committee, and a seventh Degree member.

Mr. Fake is helpful as a representative of the State Grange on the Farm Conference Board. He plays an important part in the annual Legislative Conference called by the State Grange for Pomona Masters and Chairmen of Pomona Legislative Committees. From his office go informational letters, sent to Legislative Committee chairmen during the Legislative session. These letters enable the "folks back home" to take intelligent action on pending legislation.

We get some idea of the magnitude of the task when we understand that in 1944, 3,792 bills were introduced in the two Houses, while in 1960 there were 8,662. Of these 1,388 were approved by both Houses and sent to the Governor. Since urban representation in our Legislature is proportionately far greater than rural, our representative must be constantly on watch to safeguard the rights of agriculture. Consistent with Grange principles, no legislation is supported which is contrary to the best good of mankind in general.

Our Legislative Representative maintains individual contacts with members of the Governor's staff, Senators and Assemblymen, and those in authority in the various State Departments. A copy of the Grange resolution is attached to each particular bill and filed with the chairman of the particular committee to which the bill referred. This service is valuable, and the name of the State Grange is respected. Mr. Fake files memoranda with respect to 35-50 bills annually, with the Governor.

"In addition, "Mr. Fake pointed out, "the Governor's office, at the conclusion of each Legislative Session, asks the Grange

recommendation in many instances. I have received word from the Governor's office, also, that the number of letters received there, in response to my request, are most impressive and greatly strengthen the recommendations at that office."

Mr. Fake paid high tribute to the hard work of State Master Leland D. Smith in his assistance at the State Capital, in the hard fought battle to win just laws for rural people. "No group recommending legislation at our State Capital," Mr. Fake pointed out, "can have greater pride in the degree of accomplishment than was ours in 1959-60."

QUESTION: What are some of the accomplishments of later years? The following became law, 1959: The Grange recommendation that milk vending machines be exempted from licensing requirements.

An amendment to the Conservation Law in relation to water resources, planning and development.

That \$1.00 Farm Vehicles be exempted from the full application of the Motor Vehicle Law, as to certain equipment.

That motor vehicle plates, upon suspension of insurance, be returned to the county office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

Commending hard top surfacing of Erwin Plan Town Roads, farm-to-market roads.

Since it affected 90% of Grange membership, and many non-members, it may be the greatest accomplishment was the amendment to the unwieldy 1958 Chauffeur Law, to relieve the great majority of those farmers who drive trucks, from the necessity of qualifying as chauffeur and obtaining the chauffeur license. This amendment relieved the operator of the pickup, farm vehicle and other commercials up to two ton capacity, when not used for hire.

The 1960 record is also impressive. Out of eight Grange sponsored requested bills the Governor signed seven. Among these were the long sought bill which became law, and which would permit children over twelve years of age to do light work, when school is not in session, with written consent of parents and every safeguard provided, for not over four hours per day. The main purpose of the Grange was based on the firm belief that such moderate occupation will be most helpful in prevention of juvenile delinquency, and children will be enabled to learn the joy of work during formative character years.

The discontinuance of dating of milk was approved, as an amendment to the Public Health Law; no other Northeastern market requires dating, wholly unnecessary under modern sani-



tary conditions. . . .Special classes for retarded children became operative by law. . . .Abusive or offensive use of the telephone became illegal. . . .The accurate weight of farm animals sold for auction, became a legal necessity. . . .An uncertainty as regards road use of farmer owned small snowplows, not used for hire, was clarified as to legality.

Kenneth H. Fake, our capable and devoted Legislative Representative, sums up the legislative program of the Grange in this wise: "The real responsibility for a strong legislative program rests with the individual member of the Grange. You must carefully consider these subjects in your Subordinate and Pomona Granges. The first and fundamental responsibility rests with you."

## **2. COOPERATIVE SERVICES**

### **1. COOPERATIVE GRANGE-LEAGUE-FEDERATION-EXCHANGE, INC.**

Largest and most successful cooperative of its type in the United States and probably in the whole world, the Grange-League-Federation Exchange, known popularly as G. L. F., has termed the early Grange meeting—

**THE CRADLE OF COOPERATION:** "At its first meeting in 1874 the New York State Grange adopted a resolution in support of agricultural cooperation. Grange leaders educated farmers to the benefits of pooling their buying power, and paying cash for supplies. Out of this beginning grew the Grange Purchasing Service, the Grange Exchange, and eventually the Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange—G. L. F."

In the G. L. F. Shareholder, February, 1930, Ruth Royce, Ithaca, who had studied early annual State Grange reports, announced her findings. Her conclusion: "They, therefore, 'RESOLVED' that the more direct communication between producers and consumers is one of the main objects of our organization, and that we recommend the improvement of market accommodations in the State."

The cooperative Grange Exchange had a capital of \$100,000., but something better was on the way. Lawtons Grange No. 1176 and their Mr. George S. Pickens, Erie County Pomona and New York State Grange had a part in this developing future. In 1920 Mr. W. L. Bean, President of the Grange Exchange, took a number of bright ideas to "Ed" Babcock, Secretary of the Farm Con-

ference Board, of which the State Grange was a member. Thus stimulus was lent the pioneer plan, and the G. L. F. was on the horizon.

At the Niagara Falls session, December, 1934, State Master Fred J. Freestone pointed out: "Straight through the depression, the G. L. F. has been one of the very few business organizations which has kept itself on a sound financial basis, continued to pay dividends to its stockholders, and built up sound reserves. Every farmer in the New York Milk Shed should be proud of the G. L. F."

In 1936 this cooperative did nearly \$50,000,000 business for farmers in this region. In 1937 State Master Raymond Cooper reported: "At the last annual G. L. F. meeting in Syracuse there were three thousand present; one had but to look over this gathering of intelligent farm leaders and listen to decisions to feel sure that the cooperative idea of the Grange is being carried out in full measure."

The November, 1940, National Grange Grange Monthly recorded: "During the year the G. L. F. business reached a \$64,000,000 volume, striking evidence of what the agricultural interests can do to promote their own welfare when they actually pull together. It is a true example of democracy at work; the ownership, control and use coming directly from the farm folks in the 675 communities in New York, New Jersey and northern Pennsylvania served by this great cooperative."

In 1942 State Master W. J. Rich said: "Through the G. L. F., farmers own their own grain and feed mills, warehouses, seed cleaning machinery, fertilizer plants and milk cooler factory, so that with these facilities 140,000 farmers can do together what no one of them could ever do alone."

June 30, 1948, Mr. J. C. Corwith, G. L. F. Director, reported a business volume of \$152,681,000. "To visualize the amount of feed handled I figure that last year if all had been loaded on freight cars, would have reached from Buffalo to New York City and back to Syracuse." In 1949 Mr. Earl B. Clark, another Director, emphasized the fact that during the war, the G. L. F. set up reserves, amounting to several million dollars, to protect the G. L. F. financial position during the post-war recession. This stood in good stead during those testing days.

Grange readers will appreciate the statement once made to delegates by Mr. James McConnell, successor to H. E. Babcock as General Manager: "As the years have gone by, I have been impressed by the fact that while the New York State Farm Bureau and the Dairymen's League were very helpful with men



and financial backing in bringing the G. L. F. into the world, that the basic spade work was done over a period of years by the local Granges. Speaking for the G. L. F., I wish to pay my respects to the Grange for its leadership and its courage and persistence in pioneering the cooperative work which finally resulted in the formation of the Grange League Federation. The child G. L. F., which traces its lineage direct to the Grange, has become a robust cooperative in its own right."

Robust it is. Early in 1960 Mr. E. H. Fallon, today's General Manager, sent out a brochure of significance. In spite of the fact that in New York the Soil Bank had removed 11% of the crop land, 620,000 acres, from the picture, in six months, July 1 to December 30, 1959, the G. L. F. Exchange had a dollar volume of nearly \$80,000,000. In addition, Service Stores and Petroleum plants contributed over \$70,000,000. Dairy feed amounted to 239,459 tons, while farm supplies netted over eleven million dollars. The G. L. F. had 53 grants-in-aid to agricultural colleges for research. A fine "mill-to-farm" service had developed. "In ten years time more than \$32,000,000 have been spent in building and modernizing G. L. F. plants and local services. "In 1960, the G. L. F. celebrated its fortieth birthday.

The G. L. F. Board of Directors is composed of fourteen men, two each nominated by the State Grange and Farm Bureau, and ten chosen by G. L. F. Committeemen from the ten districts in G. L. F. territory. Directors nominated by the Grange include: Edson J. Walrath, Evans Mills; William Hubbard, Fulton; J. C. Corwith, Watermill and Earl S. Clark, Norwich.

Over the years New York State Grange has made wise investments in G. L. F. Holding Corporation, G. L. F. Exchange Preferred, and G. L. F. Common. Proportionate interest has returned.

G. L. F. has demonstrated friendly cooperation for New York State Grange at all times. This has been especially true of the loan of the G. L. F. owned Bibbins Hall, Ithaca, for Deputy and Pomona Lecturer Schools, the Farm Dinner, and valuable assistance with staff material. The relationship between the two has been of mutual pride and respect.

## **2. THE CAPITOL DISTRICT COOPERATIVE, INC., MENANDS**

"The American Market for the American Farmer" has long been advocated by the Grange. The Declaration of Purposes, adopted in 1874, reads: "For our business interests, we desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers into the most direct and friendly relations possible. . . .All our acts, and all our efforts, are not only for the benefit of the producer

and consumer, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact."

While Menands did not originate in a Grange meeting, but was the outcome of the effort of a group of farmers who in 1917 determined to organize the Albany Market Gardeners Association, "with the express purpose of improving marketing conditions in the Capitol District," it cannot but bring pride to every Grange member. The opening of Menands, for long "the only primary market in the United States, owned and operated by farmers themselves," became reality June 16, 1934. Previously the only farm outlet was a poor so-called market of one and one-half acres, located in an old, congested section of the City of Albany.

Approximately 700 farmers from Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties became shareholders in Menands,—a twenty-five acre rectangular field bounded on the east by the Hudson, west by concrete highway, south by Albany and north by Troy, also easily accessible to the New York State Thruway, the new Northway and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

At the outset all Granges in the supporting counties actively backed the enterprise. Edson Walrath, New York State Grange Executive Committee Chairman, other Grange leaders and State Grange monetary investment were behind the cooperative.

Did anyone oppose Menands Market? The City and County of Albany backed the passage of a bill in the Legislature, which Governor Herbert Lehman signed, to create a Regional Market Authority and regional market within the City of Albany, at taxpayer cost of \$750,000. Such a market within city limits would have had policies dictated by the City, regardless of farmer welfare.

Now Menands represented seventeen years of work prior to the opening. Farmers who had good money already invested in Menands were up in arms. The Grange, led by State Master Raymond Cooper, with other farm groups, fought this unjust law vigorously. Hundreds of Granges and Grange members, determined not to let the Menands Market be destroyed, took up the cudgels. The law was repealed.

Menands forged ahead. The Market set-up included 300 farmer stalls and 100 buyer stalls.

From June 1 to August 20, 1937, twelve weeks time, the Market handled cooperatively 7,427 loads of locally grown produce, early sweet corn, tomatoes, cabbages. Nearly 1,500,000 baskets, barrels, cases and crates of locally grown fruits and



vegetables passed through Menands. Often 1,000 to 1,500 motor vehicles came from a radius of 225 or more miles. Mr. L. Husted Myers, Cooperative Secretary, stated that in 1959 "there were 15,301 loads of produce sold on the farmers' section of the market. About 3,500 car loads were sold on the wholesale section. Also an undetermined number of truck loads, probably 5,000, passed through."

The Cooperative has an investment of approximately \$400,000, (cost figures, not inflation values), and tenants have an estimated \$100,000. "On March 25, 1958, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary saw the burning of the last remaining mortgage. . . .The area of distribution reaches from Canada to Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia, and occasionally to Washington and Baltimore. . . .Most locally grown produce comes from an area of fifty miles radius, but shipped in produce comes from all producing areas of the United States, Mexico, South America and other foreign countries."

The State Market News Service, Department of Agriculture, newspapers and radio report prices daily. The Menands Market represents "a long step forward" as the interesting Cooperative brochure states, from old market methods to "this new age in which Regional Planning has become the program of every modern city, and the food supply comes from the far corners of the earth."

We understand that nearly all employees are Grange members. Walter Emerich, President, was first Master of Colonie Grange No. 1548, in 1937-39, and Master of Albany County Pomona, 1941-44, as well as Albany County Deputy 1945-46. Mr. L. Husted Myers, Menands Secretary, was Master of Bethlehem Grange No. 137, 1944-45, 1949-50, 1952-54, and has been an Executive Committee Member of Albany Pomona. Mr. G. William Noechal, Treasurer, is a former Pomona Grange Treasurer. For a long time Colonie Grange held its meetings upstairs over the Administration Building. Every Grange member may well be proud that the Grange has given contributory endorsement, financial and enthusiastic, to this fine cooperative, well in line with Grange principles.

### **3. EMPIRE LIVESTOCK MARKETING COOPERATIVE. INC.**

At the Oswego session in 1947, State Master Henry D. Sherwood reminded the delegates how for many years there were thousands of cull dairy cattle sold to individual dealers, but in most instances the farmer had to accept prices far below the market price, and did not know the weight of his animals. To correct this unfair and tremendous loss to the farmer, our groups in New York State went to work. The Empire Livestock Market-

ing Cooperative was the result. This became an incorporated, bonded organization with twelve directors, two each from the six sponsoring organizations. New York State Grange invested in both common and preferred stock.

Mr. R. V. Hemming, General Manager, stated at the Lake Placid session, 1948: "Empire's function is to provide facilities where unprofitable cows, calves and other meat animals can be sold to processors of meat animals at going market prices." Animals are sold by weight on periodically tested scales, with all stock consigned, sold on merit only,—ownership of animal unknown at time of sale. Animals are always treated humanely, and premises clean.

The Empire Markets are modern in every respect. At present there are ten markets, located at Bath, Buffalo (new), Bullville, Dryden, Caledonia, Gouverneur, Greene, Oneonta, Watertown and West Winfield. Empire Markets have developed because farmers needed and wanted them to market surplus stock. Because they have been farmer created and operated they have been successful.

Clarence Johncox is Vice-President. Leland Smith is a Director. Harold Stanley is on the Operations and Public Relations Committee. State Grange session resolutions have been similar to this: Whereas the Empire Livestock Marketing Cooperative has proved its worth in areas covered, therefore be it resolved that we favor its extension to such areas as may be found practicable as rapidly as possible.

## INSURANCE

In 1922, National Master Sherman J. Lowell called a meeting of all State Masters at his farm home near Fredonia. They gave the "green light" to the new program for liability insurance. Early beginnings held struggle and ultimate survival. There is a fascinating history, of which we can barely hint.

At the 1935 Oneonta session, State Master Fred J. Freestone announced: "Our Grange Fire Insurance, Farmers and Traders Life Insurance and Mutual Auto Liability Insurance are saving our members thousands of dollars each year." Let us take cognizance of their respective values through this period of time.

State Master W. J. Rich reported to the National Grange session, Syracuse, 1940: "We have 34 Grange Mutual Insurance Companies with 72,525 policies in force, representing a total insurance of \$248,004,291." This group of Mutual Grange Fire



Insurance Companies represented a huge saving to Grangers insured throughout the State.

In 1941 Mr. Rich warned: "The Grange and mutual insurance seem to have gone hand in hand from an early date. Today a large proportion of rural property is insured in the numerous Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. No policy should be written or renewed unless the applicant is a member in good standing of a Subordinate Grange. The future of the Grange and the insurance companies is at stake on this particular point."

In 1944 Mr. R. M. Stanton, Secretary, New York State Central Organization of Cooperative Fire Insurance Companies, made a point about this: "I have been inclined to think that Grange Insurance for Grange members only, really meant something because we assumed that at least the moral hazard was much better if our policy holders were Grange members. We have also assumed that fire prevention activities, including safety programs, were conducted in Grange meetings which would reduce the fire loss rate. . . .I also note with interest that the operating cost of all companies was \$.84 per \$1000, whereas the operating cost of the Grange Companies was \$.67. This proves to me that money paid for inspection and fire prevention activities is well spent."

In 1950, the delegates adopted a resolution which favored a person receiving the first four degrees before a policy could be made out. Later insurance laws and competitors' rates made a difference in the picture so that in some sections membership is not a required feature. There is no question but that this has made some difference in Grange membership but it has not altered the loyalty of genuine membership, well aware of the exceptional values the Grange offers to all members.

We are indebted to Mr. Freestone, late Chairman of the Board of the National Grange Mutual, for much of the following information as regards Fire and Liability.

On December 30, 1935, the National Grange Fire Insurance Company was organized at Keene, New Hampshire, to provide fire coverage for Patrons, to supplement the liability company and furnish re-insurance for smaller companies. Much of the stock was owned by National, State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges. The organization has been a gratifying success, expending steadily and maintaining rates representing very substantial savings for Grange policyholders. The first President of the Company was Orlando L. Martin, former Vermont State Master. Following his death in May, 1951, he was succeeded by James C. Farmer, past National Grange Lecturer. The record has been

one of splendid progress and service. In 1943, when the company was twenty-two years old, there were 89,485 policyholders and a conservative estimate of savings to policyholders of \$3,500,000.

In 1946 an expansion program was initiated in New York State with National and State Grange Executive Committees acting in conjunction with the Company Board of Directors. The purpose was to offer broad insurance service to people eligible for Grange membership or otherwise allied with agriculture and thus build greater interest in the Grange Fraternity and larger membership. As in the past, the Company contributed materially in manpower and finances during this entire period, to strengthen and build Grange membership. This expansion program was also made necessary following the enactment of Compulsory and/or Financial Responsibility laws in many States. The wisdom of Grange leaders strengthened the Company for difficult years ahead.

Eleven district offices are located at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Ithaca, Jamestown, Long Island, Plattsburg, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Utica and Watertown. There are two Branch Offices, one in Rutland, Vermont, and one in Syracuse, New York. A new Branch Office in Syracuse was occupied May 10, 1957. This is of New England brick with Tennessee marble trim, modern, fire-resistive, air-conditioned, designed to produce greater efficiency in operations, with ample parking space.

In 1958 the National Grange Mutual Liability Company assumed all outstanding liabilities of the National Grange Fire Insurance Company and the Company name was changed to National Grange Mutual Insurance Company. This important step resulted in substantial economies. The Fire Insurance Company was liquidated with a pro-rata distribution of net assets to stockholders, including National Grange and various State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges. An excellent profit was returned to them during the time they held the stock and when net assets were distributed.

The Company has published a "Farm Safety News" twice in New York State, and has been active in the New York State Rural Safety Council. A fine insurance educational program is conducted under the sponsorship of Ithaca College. In 1960-61 monetary and other awards were made for Grange membership gains.

National and State Grange officers have always directed Company activities. Among present officers and directors are National Master Herschel Newsom, State Master Leland D. Smith, Past State Masters W. J. Rich and Fred J. Freestone. The latter served as Director for thirty-two years, President for twenty-four years, and late Chairman of the Board. James C. Farmer is now



Honorary Chairman, and Frank H. Peet, Past Connecticut State Master, is President.

The Company general Policyholder rating of "A-Plus Excellent and AAA-Plus" financial rating by the Alfred M. Best Insurance Report are well deserved because of the quality of service and character of personnel in its background. In 1923 there were 500 policies, and January 1, 1960, 337,348. Since that early date surplus to policyholders has increased from approximately \$500 to \$8,133,361.95. During the same period, total assets have increased from approximately \$6,000 to \$37,195,677.26. Savings to policyholders from 1923 through 1959 were \$24,869,000. The Company's operations are conducted in 23 States and the District of Columbia, and the Company is qualified to meet the Financial Responsibility Law requirements of all States and all Canadian Provinces.

The Company will continue to forge ahead, not only financially, but in the wide areas of human service, so deeply a concern of the Officers and Directors and all involved in this great business.

CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE will be met in line with Grange principles. Richard C. Carrick, Secretary-Treasurer and one of its founders, phrases it well. "We accept it with a firm resolve to continue to meet the changing needs of tomorrow with the wisdom and dedication of yesterday."

At the 1960 Watertown session Edwin D. Patrick, Mutual Vce President who presented the 1960 More Grange Member awards, said: "We can all take pride in the fact that our Grange Fraternity has for years been a truly Democratic organization, representing a part of our American heritage that seems to be slipping away, working and progressing on basic principles that are an answer to the threat of domination of the free world. This is no time for complacency, and it is no time to be standing still. Your Grange Fraternity has a real job ahead, and can make material contributions to the solution of both domestic and foreign problems."

Thus Mutual is in the fight to help with the challenge.

## **FARMERS AND TRADERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

The following early history comes from the able pen of the late Louis J. Taber:

"The first mention of a life insurance company being organized in New York appears in the Committee on Insurance and Cooperation in 1911, William T. Creasy of Pennsylvania,

Chairman. The Committee recommended a Grange life insurance company be organized under the legal reserve plan and in the State of New York because New York laws were more stringent, and they recommended that the majority of all stock be controlled by Grange members.

We next find, in 1912, Grange leaders in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio met in Syracuse, New York, to form a charter and to organize a life insurance company. A charter was applied for and directors were elected and temporary officers appointed. However, they became the permanent officers, as E. B. Norris was elected first president, and held the position until 1916.

In 1913, the New York State Grange, by Resolution 55; adopted at Buffalo, New York, as follows:

‘Whereas, the National Grange has approved of a life insurance company based upon a legal reserve plan

‘Resolved, that we, the delegates of the New York State Grange in annual session duly assembled, do hereby approve of a legal reserve life insurance company organized under the insurance laws of the State of New York, the majority of stock of same to be controlled by members of the Grange.’

Similar resolutions were passed the following year by the Pennsylvania and Ohio State Granges. With this authority, the temporary organization was made permanent, and the company proceeded to do business. The capital in the beginning was \$200,000 and the surplus \$100,000.

The Company rapidly expanded its territory after Pennsylvania and Ohio took action, until it includes, at the present time, more than 20 Grange states and the District of Columbia.

In 1919, the capital stock was increased to \$300,000, with a corresponding increase in surplus.

We can trace the small beginnings of this Company from 1914 to the present time when it has voted to mutualize, and has acquired 93% of all stock outstanding.

The National Grange, by resolution every year since 1914, has endorsed this Company and favored its support by Grange people everywhere.” Louis J. Taber.

In his 1936 report to the National Grange, State Master Raymond Cooper said: “The Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company has nearly accomplished its goal of three new policies in each Subordinate Grange. This Company has paid to policyholders in the twenty-two years of its existence the sum of



\$5,750,000. During the past year it made a larger net gain than any other New York company."

In 1942 Louis J. Taber of Columbus, Ohio, became full-time President. He had been part-time President for three years.

Mr. Alvin Hanson, Executive Vice-President, is quoted here: "Life insurance is one of the corner stones of freedom. Your Grange Life Insurance Company is a medium developed by Grange leaders to make it possible for us to enjoy personal security, and personal freedom from want in times of economic stress. Literally thousands upon thousands of Grange members are protected under one form or another of insurance protection,—mortgage redemption, retirement, hospitalization, and salary continuance. Protection is used for education, family subsistence, estate transfer, federal estate tax, etc., accident and the popular 4 Square Franchise Hospitalization."

In September, 1958, the new Home Office, Syracuse, built of gray limestone and very modern, was dedicated with hundreds of Grange guests. The dedication coincided with Mr. Taber's 80th birthday. He received 3,510 cards, as well as letters from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President Herbert Hoover, and Vice-President Richard Nixon.

In 1959 the company assets reached a new high of \$47,165,907, all of which is invested in widely diversified securities and sound real estate mortgage loans.

Among the twenty-four Directors are five New York State Grange leaders: State Master Leland D. Smith, Fred J. Freestone,\* Clarence E. Johncox, Harold M. Stanley and Matthias Smith (farmer and State Grange Steward).

"The co-operation on the part of your State officers is excellent," declared Mr. Richard M. Troendle, Agency Assistant, "and we both appreciate and enjoy this fine relationship." New York State Grange may well take pride in this great company which it sponsored over 45 years ago. New York was the first State to commend it, and has recommended it continuously over the years since that early date.

We quote Mr. Taber: "Our company has been a trail blazer, a pathfinder, and a builder of the best things in life."

#### **4. DAIRY INTERESTS AND MILK PROMOTION**

"Milk regularly used in liberal quantities is the best possible

\* Deceased

foundation for a balanced diet," said Dr. Flora Rose, College of Home Economics, Cornell University.

In Grange lecture hour programs, with milk and milk products served at Grange meetings, the Grange has endorsed this best of all possible foods. Hundreds of resolutions have gone to State Grange Dairy Committees, discussion and adoption by session vote. Here are a few samples, reduced to most simple wording consistent with intended purpose:

1934 Niagara Falls session (Onondaga-Greene Counties endorsed), resolved that the Control Board of the State should not set a minimum price below cost of production . . . From Montgomery: That State Grange use its influence to have the State Milk Control Board provide bi-monthly payments for milk to dairy-men. . . . Onondaga: That weighing and testing of milk should be done by a man furnished by State Control Board,—man to only remain in one section one calendar month. . . . Saratoga and Lewis: Whereas, according to the Associated Press, the Department of Farms and Market, backed by the Attorney General's ruling, plans to push forward eradication of bovine tuberculosis with State not obligated to repay farmer for destroyed herds (a breach of faith by New York State with dairy interests) Resolved that New York State Grange immediately take action requesting an appropriation of at least \$2,000,000 as indemnity for condemned and destroyed cattle. . . . Orange County: Resolved that all barn inspectors and veterinaries be required to disinfect footwear, instruments and all equipment between each barn visit.

1939: St. Lawrence County requested an appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 for control and eradication of Bangs' disease. . . . 1944: Livingston County,—that all bona fide dairy cooperatives and farm organizations put on an educational campaign to enlighten the public as to superior nutritive value of butter in comparison with various imitations encouraged for sale by low point value, price, etc. . . . 1952: Cattaraugus County—That New York Grange urge that all patties of oleo served in hotels, restaurants, etc, be imprinted with the name "Oleo." . . . 1955: Livingston County—that New York State Grange favor the installation of milk vending machines in all public places, also in schools and factories.

Oswego County favored the New York Milkshed Committee formed of Dr. Everett Case of Colgate, State Secretary Harold M. Stanley and Supreme Court Justice Paul Graves, Gouverneur. Their report was unbiased, comprehensive, a study of marketing and price system, made without influence of any handler or milk cooperative, or any agricultural college closely connected with any handler or milk cooperative. Oswego urged New York State



Grange to have this report brought into light and studied by competent dairy farmers. This resolution was adopted.

State Masters have expressed the concern of the State Grange for dairy welfare. State Master Fred J. Freestone, Lake Placid: "Our most immediate challenge will be the marketing of milk. We are embarked on a new marketing plan under State and Federal direction. I urge all Granges and Grange members to study the field of milk marketing during the next few months; to divest our minds of prejudices and give our best judgment to the solution of this problem. . . .(Niagara Falls. The grange supported the campaign to increase the consumption of milk. The Milk Publicity Campaign is receiving fine cooperation from hotels, railroads, consumer organizations, health boards, churches, radio and the press."

GRANGE SLOGANS promoted use of milk: "LET'S GET OUT AND SELL MILK." "DO NOT FORGET MILK MONTH, September 15-October 15, 1934."

In 1936 State Master Raymond Cooper advised: "I believe the Grange idea should be applied to the marketing of fluid milk. We should at least plan for all groups of dairymen to meet together in council, lay all facts upon the table, and work together to the common end because it is our common interest." (Ogdensburg, 1937) "The Rogers-Allen Bill, approved by the Conference Board of Farm Organizations, became a law following repeal of the price-fixing features of the State Control Law. This gives dairymen control of their own product through their cooperative organizations. Dairymen themselves must work out their own salvation in the true spirit of democracy." In 1939, "The Rogers-Allen Law, declared constitutional by the Federal Supreme Court, is now working in connection with the Federal Marketing Agreement to the great advantage of the dairymen of this State."

In 1946 State Master Henry Sherwood reported: "During the past year our Executive Committee, in fulfillment of the delegate action of last year, established, together with other agricultural groups, a branch of the American Dairy Association in this State. This Association, to promote the sale of all dairy products regardless of trade name or company, is now active in 38 States. Its main purpose is to create additional sales for dairy products by advertising, merchandising and research. . . .It is entirely financed and controlled by farmers and all producers may work in harmony in a united front. Results will be shown favorably in the milk checks for years to come."

That same year Grange support of dairy interests took the form of hard cash. The State Grange and dairy industry raised \$15,000 to carry out a plan outlined by the College of Agriculture

to increase fall production of milk, as part of a drive to get 100,000,000 pounds of milk for which the market was expected to be short that fall.

The National Grange Monthly of 1949 said: "In the program 'Milk for Health' " (to which the Grange incidentally made the first contribution for organizational purposes,) "backed by Grange, Farm Bureau and all leading cooperatives, we propose to finance active milk promotion by the extremely small contribution of \$.01 for each 100 pounds of milk delivered to milk plants. This activity includes participation of American Dairy Association of advertising, merchandising and research, and American Dairy Council of educational and nutritional promotion."

In 1950 State Grange delegates unanimously endorsed "Milk for Health, Inc.", fluid milk sales and nutrition promotion. Mr. James Stone, Marcellus, commented: "I'm glad to see the farmers doing some progressive advertising and selling. This 'Milk for Health' seems like the best way to do it."

PRINTER'S INK proclaimed the Grange position. In 1956, State Master Leland Smith and the State Grange were responsible for a series of articles in the press, "The Grange Looks at Milk." The Watertown Times appraised these: "The analysis of the subject was a worth while presentation that above all else revealed there must be strong milk leadership if producers' interests are to be looked after."

In 1959 State Master Leland Smith praised the excellent programs of

## **THE AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL:**

"Both of these groups, whose programs are fully coordinated, are ready to go to work on a full scale here in New York as soon as we can make up our minds to pull together like a team for the good of the industry."

1960 showed both these groups combined in one cooperative, known as American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York. This is the new fluid milk promotion for Order No. 27 markets. It is a voluntary organization, toward which the producer agrees to invest \$.03 per hundred weight for promotion. It is already at work in this State, and more and more producers are signing up. \$.02 of this amount goes to the American Dairy Association for research, merchandising, advertising and public relations, while \$.01 goes to the National Dairy Council for nutri-



tional education and public relations. The dealers match this so the National Dairy Council also has \$.02. All this is in addition to the total nutritional program by A. D. A. All of the New York investment is to be used for FLUID MILK PROMOTION. Butter and cheese promotion comes from funds from other areas.

Final allocation of funds will be approved by the Board of Directors of American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York, Inc. Nineteen district dairy promotion committees, seven major cooperatives. New York State Grange and Farm Extension Service are represented on this Board. The above facts were interesting as presented by graph at the 1960 Watertown session, by Harold M. Stanley, State President of the Association.

GRANGE CHALLENGE TO PUBLIC INTEREST runs through several years, and with this story we conclude this section: In 1933 and for some years after, Jefferson County and four others cooperated in a Sunday event at Theresa. A 1937 description reads: "We met with Patrons of the North Country at Theresa, where were gathered together hundreds of Grange members for 'Milk Queen Sunday.' Subordinate Granges were represented by 'Queens' of their selection, who made a beautiful sight dressed in white with green sashes, as they sat in front of the pulpit. Genial Edson Walrath of Evans Mills presided over the afternoon session, which followed a picnic lunch. Five Deputies spoke briefly, and there was a special Grange speaker."

L. B. Skeffington, Associate Editor Rochester Democrat-Chronicle, and a Grange member, originated the idea of State-wide "Milk Sunday." Rev. Fred Dean, State Grange Chaplain,



Mr. Charles White, Rev. Fred Dean, Mr. Sherman J. Lowell



was keenly interested. Perhaps the first "Milk Sunday," a Church-Grange service, was held at Greece Baptist Church, near Rochester. The morning service was followed by a luncheon where milk was the beverage. Brief greetings were given by former State and National Master Sherman J. Lowell, also former member U. S. Tariff Commission; Charles White, President State Farm Bureau, and Dana Waldron, Steward of New York State Grange. The Scripture lesson was read by Mr. Ernest Strobeck, Macedon, Director Dairymen's League; prayer was offered by Ernest Staines, North Chili, Secretary Western New York Producers' Association. The service held a dramatic note for dairymen, as former opponents in the "milk war" united in worship. State Chaplain Dean used as his text: "A land flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands." (Ezekiel XX,6.) "After all," said Mr. Dean, as he urged brotherhood, "this is a religious matter. The returning glory of milk waits for cooperation, fair play, consecrated brains and sacrifice. We must insist that anything as essential to human life as milk, is holy."

## 5. RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

The Grange was a material factor in breaking down barriers of rural isolation; it was the prime factor in obtaining such benefits as Rural Free Delivery and Parcel Post; now every Grange member can be justly proud of Grange action and Rural Electrification. Education,— social opportunity,— light and power are among shining beacons of Grange achievement.

Long before the Federal Government set up its program of Rural Electrification, Empire State Grange lecturers were stressing programs on rural electrification. "New York State farm homes the best lighted and equipped" the high aim.

At National Grange, Sacramento, 1935, State Master Fred J. Freestone reported: "The Grange is leading the way in rural electrification. A committee, composed of representatives of all farm organizations with the Pomona Master as Chairman, is set up in every county. A state Committee is also functioning actively with a representative of the Grange as Chairman. The State Power Authority, State College and Public Service Commission all render valuable service in advisory capacity. A very pleasing reduction in line extension plans and rates has taken place in every company operating in the State."

It would be of interest if the total number of rural families actually served with this longed-for light-power wonder were known. The following may be an indicative signpost:



The Seneca County report in the Journal of Proceedings read: "Over 200 farmers have already indicated intention to take this service. Engineers estimate an average 4½ customers per mile." In Chautauqua County alone, 1935, over 100 miles of extension had been accomplished. On engineers' estimate that would point to 450 farmers served there. The 1936 report of Cortland County showed forty-seven miles of extension brought city current to two hundred and forty rural homes in that county. A stretch of such figures across the State means outreach of understanding.

In the November 1935 National Grange Monthly State Secretary Harold Stanley added: "Let's not forget that the Grange is taking the lead in rural electrification; every Grange and every member should cooperate with the Pomona Master. If your community is not served with electric power, if you wish to secure this service, be sure to contact your Pomona Master at once. Other agencies and organizations are helping but the Grange must lead. Every member will be proud of the achievement possible if we work and work together. We must remember that rural delivery of mail was not obtained by just talking. We may be equally proud of another great accomplishment if we will only learn all there is to know about this great question and then plan active participation. The entire program is so much like the Grange anyway in that it brings 'Light' and 'Power' where needed, that the Grange offers exceptional advantages as a leader."

In 1947, Claude Wickard, Rural Electrification Administrator, said, in the Grange Monthly, "'Visionary' and crackpot' were the mildest of the adjectives that critics of REA applied to the 'dreamers'—many of them leaders of the Grange,—who a dozen years ago looked forward to and strongly supported electric service for all American farmers. Today, it is plain that the one-time vision was not after all so wild a dream, for it is already half realized."

Here's to the spirit and vision that started those electric light poles across the rural darkness, and touched the blessed button that made farm homes and barns alight.

## 6. NEW YORK STATE FAIR

In a press release of 1936, the State Agricultural Society is credited with the founding of the Fair "96 years ago, and much help received from the Grange and also the Federation of Farm and Home Bureaus. . . .The Grange has been one of the most active co-operating agencies of the Fair. It has its own Grange

building, where many of its exhibits are housed; it has one day of the Fair set apart for its program. In addition, this organization sponsors numerous contests, such as the singing contest, State-wide affairs with practically all Subordinate Granges participating."

At the Oneonta session, 1935, State Master Fred J. Freestone indicated Grange participation: "It is proper that New York's great agricultural Fair should have the support and cooperation of New York's biggest farm organization. Grange Day was a real success."

In 1938 State Master Raymond Cooper wrote in the State Fair premium list: "There are each year eleven Subordinate Grange exhibits in the Horticultural Building and one State Grange exhibit. What one can see in this building alone is well worth the price of admission to the grounds."

We quote former State Grange Historian Leonard Allen, in the 1940 National Grange Monthly: "Grange cooperation has meant much in the conduct of the New York State Fair at Syracuse; the Grange singing contests, speaking contests, etc., have added much to the expositions' drawing power."

During all these years standing room only and overflow audiences crowded the inadequate Grange Building, really a wing of the Institutions Building. Resolutions which requested adequate space were repeatedly presented at State Grange sessions and taken to State Fair authorities. It was most unsatisfactory to have Grange Rest Room, check room, State Grange exhibit and headquarters in the Grange Building, while other Grange exhibits were in the Horticultural Building some distance away. Mr. and Mrs. Dana Waldron, in charge of the Grange Building, did their utmost. In 1941 the Grange Building was somewhat improved by murals and arrangement, but space was still lacking. Eventually room for four booths was provided in the Institution Building, but this was revoked later.

ULTIMATE SOLUTION. . . .from the suggestion of Mr. Charles Riley, with Executive Committee approval, the whole Grange Department was removed to the Horticultural Building.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS: In 1934, for the first time, the State Grange had an exhibit in the Farm Products Building. Colorful, this exhibit depicted the ideal rural community, with church, school and Grange Home Community Center. In 1941, the Joint Juvenile exhibit, put on by Cuba Juvenile Grange No.50, Allegany County; South Rutland Juvenile No. 24, Jefferson County; Marcellus Juvenile No. 101, Onondaga; East Fayette Juvenile No. 329, Seneca, and Wolcott Juvenile No. 48, Wayne County, attracted



much attention. In 1946, in the old Grange Building, the G. L. F. set up a large composite exhibit of several projects fostered and developed by the Grange.

In 1942 the Fair suspended for the duration of the war, and not resumed until 1949. In the interim of war the buildings were used for Military purposes. Resumption of the Fair on full scale was approved by delegate resolution in 1948. A controversial situation resulted in

## **A FEATHER IN THE FARM GROUP CAP, GRANGE AND OTHERS:**

One of the greatest contributions to the good of New York State came after the Conference Board of Farm Organizations learned that the State wanted to build a new State Fair Grounds near the Syracuse Airport. State Master Henry Sherwood gave a lucid account of the Farm Group achievement:

“We objected to this large expenditure of money. Governor Dewey told us that the commission he had appointed advised him the buildings on the Fair Grounds were useless. We still objected. As a result of our continued objections, the Governor appointed a committee of seven.” Mr. Sherwood was Chairman; State Secretary Harold Stanley and Clarence Johncox, Executive Committee Chairman, represented the Grange. Mr. Sherwood added: “We were given one month to make a complete study of the situation. We put in seven days and went over everything carefully, and reported to the Governor that the Fair could be held on the present grounds, that the buildings were in good condition, and that the cost to make the necessary repairs would not cost the State one penny. We uncovered the fact that the United States Government had paid the State over \$340,000 during the war. The Public Service Department advised us that all repairs could be made for about one-half of this amount. So we felt pretty good that we had saved the State fifty-three million dollars, which was the amount the new project would have cost. The State Fair, partially revived in 1947, went ahead on full scale in 1949.

TRIBUTE DESERVED was received after Charles Riley, formerly connected with the State Fair Farm Crops Department, headed the Grange Department. In his column, “The Rolling Stone,” National Grange Monthly, Mr. E. Payson Smith, State Grange Publicity Director, commented: “This year, through the direct efforts of New York State Grange, three of whose officers were on the seven member consulting committee, State Fair is back to stay re-activated, bigger and better than ever. We want to pay tribute to Charles Riley for his excellent direction of Grange

exhibits. Appointed to the job, strictly a shirt-sleeves and over-all job, Charles turned in an outstanding piece of work on behalf of the Grange and you all should know it."

**SINGING CONTESTS:** One of the most delightful developments of these years was the State Fair Singing Contests, which developed early in the Freestone era, a nice child of the Freestone brain. Contests began in Subordinate Granges, winners to regional tryouts, and front line selections to compete at State Fair. The purpose was educational, to develop interest in the lovely old songs written prior to 1900, the costumes typical of such date, also to develop singing talent in the Granges. In earlier years Arthur Reynolds, Madison County Pomona Lecturer, had charge of the contests. In 1940 he was succeeded by Rev. Fred Dean, New York State Grange Chaplain. His successor was the Rev. O. Blakely Hill, now Chaplain.

There were four classes, men's solos, women's solos, duets and quartettes. In 1937 winners-over-all began to go to State Grange. That year Rev. Fred Dean, Director, reported 213 singers and speakers, representing 43 Pomona Granges, competed in eight regional contests. He said: "Conviction grows that these contests offer a most effective method for the encouragement of talent in our Granges for they provide an incentive without which many potential singers and speakers could hardly be induced to come forward and develop their latent abilities." In 1950, groups from Subordinate Granges began to put on half hour programs three times daily at State Fair. These indicated that properly staged shows could be a decided asset to the Fair. More recently talent contests, replacement of singing contests, have proved attraction values to the Fair-going public. 1960 Examples: Best of Show, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Owens, Schenectady County; Flute Solo, Evelyn Aldrich, Edwards; Quartet, Pine Grove Grange, Jefferson County.

**GRANGE QUEEN CONTEST** had its origin thus, as related by Charles Riley, Superintendent: "Just before State Fair week of 1955, the State Fair officials called me by 'phone and asked who was the Grange Queen. The Grange had never had a queen, and that gave me the notion we should have one. The State Grange Executive Committee approved, and Mrs. Florence Pickett, Young Adult Committee Director, arranged this very carefully. The State was divided into districts and elimination provided. Miss Julia Earls, first selection, was every inch a queen, and accomplished a lot as a good will emissary."

On Wednesday of Fair Week, 1957, the new Grange headquarters in the Horticultural Building was formally dedicated as the Grange Hall. This provided for all exhibits to be housed together, an office for Grange officers, the Service and Hospital-



ity Rest Room, a fine stage, well lighted, with draw curtain and dressingroom, and the Grange check room. To the satisfaction of large audiences, this relocation partially lessened the very objectionable noise of the former Grange Building. In 1958, Frank J. Riley, former State Grange Secretary, witnessed: "The Grange has a very prominent place in the Fair now."

THE GRANGE, A FRIEND OF THE COUNTY FAIR has been demonstrated by amateur shows, exhibits, floats and general activity. L. L. Allen, in the 1940 November National Grange Monthly, phrased it well: "Through the active cooperation of the Grange new life has been breathed into many rural fairs that were threatened with extinction after many long years of usefulness. The Grange has shown what a real agricultural fair should be. The rural people generally have lent their support and saved the fairs." Thus the Grange has again saved and served rural welfare.

## 7. CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

"Civilization itself rests upon the soil," said Thomas Jefferson. Theodore Roosevelt concurred:

"The loss of fertile soil is a loss beyond measure. When our soils are gone, we, too, must go, unless we find some way to feed on raw rock or its equivalent."

Our New York State Grange was an early advocate of conservation in its varied forms, hunting, fishing, wild life, timber resources, aspects relative to farming as well as general welfare. Resolutions favored restoration of the Hewitt reforestation program of not less than \$400,000, annual appropriation until one million acres of reforestation reached consummation; study of soil and moisture conservation, erosion control, dangers from rabid foxes, and action to protect land owners from "claim conscious" trespassers injured through their own carelessness, suggest conservation range.

NEW YORK STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE has five voting members, all farmers, selected by the Governor from lists submitted by New York State Grange and the Extension Service, two each, and one member-at-large. Included among Grange representatives we find: Harold M. Stanley, 1942; Leon Benjamin, Chairman of the State Soil District Committee, 1945; Kent Levitt, Millbrook, 1947; Charles Downey, dairy farmer, Dryden, and Rodman Fellows, dairy-sheep farmer, Trumansburg, have for several years been the appointees. Mr. Fellows is a partner in the National Farm Consulting Service.

The germ of the Soil Conservation District idea seems to be a resolution passed in 1939, Syracuse session, which authorized the State Grange Legislative Committee to meet in joint committee with other groups to study possible legal machinery under which farmers could organize to avail themselves of assistance of the Soil Conservation Service. In 1940 the law was passed authorizing such districts. From this action, one or more names were presented by both the County Pomona Grange and the Farm Bureau, from which the Board of Supervisors selected the Director for each County. In October, 1959, the State Committee had assisted the county Boards of Supervisors to organize successful, operating soil conservation districts in 46 counties. The State Association of Soil Conservation District Directors, of which Mr. Harold Craig, Clinton, past Oneida County Deputy, is Secretary-Treasurer, works under direction of the State Committee.

BASIC: When State Master, Henry Sherwood said: "Conservation of our basic natural wealth of soil and timber must be prompted through sound soil building, water conservation and fire prevention. . . .While the program on improved pasture and hay lands is but one of many soil conservation practices, it probably is of paramount importance today to New York State Agriculture."

In addition, the State Grange and State Committee deem such practices as these essential: Contour tillage, cover crops, prevention of water run-off, rotation of good sod crops, irrigation, diversion terraces, strip cropping, farm drains, pure water supply and its effect on industry, riparian rights of land owners over water on or under his property, and relevant legislation. In 1955, State Master Leland Smith attended a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on Natural Resources, called to study the Small Water Sheds Act. Mr. Smith's report to the State Session was followed by two significant resolutions adopted by the delegate body. One favored the small watershed program of retention dams, proper soil and water control measures and stream channel improvement. The other, since use of water is increasingly important to farmers, industry and municipalities, urged that Subordinate Granges and the Extension Service cooperate in bringing information to the public.

In 1957, in line with State Grange action, joint consideration by the Committee and District Directors led to proposed revisions in County and State highway laws as to securing rights of way, in that the State should obtain title to all lands before entry for construction purposes; that, if necessary, viewers should make appraisal, and the State be required to pay check at title transfer. In 1957, Corning session, Mr. Rodman Fellows pointed out the wisdom of saving highly productive soils for agricultural



production, also injustices in certain existing laws and methods. In this same report, Mr. Fellow asked the delegates how many saw the weather exhibits at State Fair and Farm and Home Week, Cornell. "We helped to sponsor this exhibit," stated Mr. Fellows.

Mr. Charles Downey, Grange representative and State Committee Chairman, at the 1959 Elmira session, reported: "Water is becoming a critical resource to all segments of our economy. Water for our cities and villages as well as for industry and agriculture will be a major question in the coming decade or two. We in New York have a plentiful supply if we can only protect and develop it before it has been wasted away or polluted through ignorance or unconcern."

Mr. Downey discussed the importance of the Barge Canal as a source of private and public water supply and commented: "It is important in that the total question involves giving away control of some 40% of the State's water resources. Here we feel is the important basic issue—Federal versus State control of water resources,—and our committee agrees with the Grange representative in that we feel control of our water resources should remain at home,—within our State and Counties where we can manage them to the best interest of our State and Counties. . . . After all, we are only temporary stewards of the land, and it is our aim to leave it in as good or better shape than when it was handed to us."

State Master Leland D. Smith expressed it well: "Conservation of the soil is both a science and an art. As a science there are many gaps in our knowledge. As an art, it calls for the best in man. It demands respect and reverence for life."

## Chapter 7.

### FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS

#### 1. RADIO

A new avenue of Grange Communications to the public developed over the air. Examples: Charles M. Gardner, then highest ranking Grange ritualistic officer, spoke eloquently over Station WGY each Christmas Eve. From Station WESG, Ithaca, Seneca Juvenile Grange No. 29, with Matron Gertrude Kinney, broadcasted in 1934. For years Station WSYR, Syracuse, featured Grange singers and speakers at State Fair. In 1935 this Station started a series of entertaining and informational Grange broadcasts for Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego Counties. At first Arthur Reynolds, Madison County Pomona Lecturer, was Chairman, then the duties were taken over by William Turner, Cortland County. These broadcasts required prior audition for tone and variety.

In 1937 Florence Pickett, Saratoga County Pomona Lecturer, was influential in primary regular WGY Grange broadcasts for which Mr. G. Emerson Markham, member of Niskayuna Grange No. 1542, was announcer. The April 1938 "Pomona Lecturers' Journal" announced a ten-county sponsored program, bi-monthly, in charge of Mrs. Pickett. In 1939 Vermont State Grange and Berkshire County, Massachusetts, cooperated. In 1941 The National Grange Monthly used this caption: "Grange Broadcasts Are Popular," put on jointly by Grange groups from three States every Saturday. A great listening audience was built up.

Among timely topics were: "New Crops to Help America," Washington County; "Economic Justice for Agriculture," Montgomery; "Do Taxes Threaten Private Enterprise?" Berkshire South, Massachusetts; "How Would Socialized Medicine Affect You?" Otsego; "Save a Garden, Save a Life," Delaware; "Gracious Living in the Farm Home," Saratoga; "Get Out the Vote," Dutchess; "Grange and Church Cooperation," Herkimer; "American Farmer and the American Market," Warren; "Farmer-Owned, Farmer-Operated Cooperatives," Albany; "Are Lottery and Gambling Laws Strictly Enforced?" Greene; "Are We Neglecting Temperance Education?" Schenectady; "Do We Need More Acres Under Cultivation?" Ulster; "Uncertain Values of Money," Columbia.

Rensselaer, Saratoga, Otsego and Schoharie combined in a series: "What the Grange Expects of Officials,— Village, Town, State and National." Robert Child, Supervisor of Broadcasting,



WGY, announced that a Schenectady seventh grade teacher had her pupils listen, then requested 1000 copies of these broadcasts. "Proof of their value and that people do listen."

THE HAPPY FARMER was the theme of a nation-wide broadcast in 1939 at Fredonia Grange Hall. Staged by the "Firestone Voice of the Air, "it centered around eighty year old Sherman J. Lowell, Past National Master. Mr. Lowell said in part: "The Grange serves as a training school for real leadership, and constantly fights intemperance, injustice, intolerance, monopoly, public extravagance, graft and dishonesty. The thing dearest to us all is the preservation of the one family farm. The Grange has been second only to the church in moulding ideals."

In 1940 Station WTRY, Troy, ventured a new Grange series. Station WMBO, Auburn, featured a talk, "The Grange and Americanism," by Dr. W. C. Waterman, member Conquest Grange No. 1027 and teacher Socialogy, Brooklyn College. Station WHLD, Niagara Falls, had monthly Grange broadcasts with Mrs. Leonard Vogt, Mrs. Edwin Gifford and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Niagara County Service and Hospitality Committee, participating. Station WATN, Watertown, for some years welcomed Grange Broadcasts. Among cooperating Granges were a number of North Country Granges, among them Beaver Falls Grange No. 554. Grange news was spread periodically. In 1950 Cortland Station WKRF, with William Turner in charge, used informational talks. These still continue. Thomas Turner has also had charge.

The April, 1953, National Grange Monthly told of Mrs. Cheritree Hubbell, Warren County, who reported for three Pomona Granges and 33 Subordinates in a morning broadcast over Station WWSG, Glen Falls. "These broadcasts have contributed materially to favorable publicity received by the Grange."

INTERNATIONAL RADIO REACH: At the request of the British Broadcasting Corporation, State Master Henry Sherwood gave a talk on the work of the Grange and its values to farm interests. Robert Child, WGY "Farm Paper of the Air," worked out recording details. Questions were asked by William Young, President of the Scottish Farmers' Union, and William Graham, Secretary of the National Farmers' Union of Great Britain. This exchange program was broadcasted over one of Scotland's leading stations. In January of the same year, 1946, the British Broadcasting Corporation had given similar information about the United Kingdom.

## RURAL RADIO FOUNDATION

Rural Radio Foundation, non-profit parent of Rural Radio

Network, was organized in 1947 by ten State-wide Farm organizations: New York State Grange, Farm Bureau, Federation of Home Bureaus, Poultry Council, Horticultural Society, Artificial Breeders' Cooperative, G. L. F. Exchange, Vegetable Growers' Association, Dairymen's League and Empire Livestock Market Cooperative. No financial profit accrued to any, since all monies went to Rural Radio Foundation for research, education and other public interest projects.

As one of the charter members and financial backers of promotion, New York State Grange had three Directors, David Kidd, Overseer, Harold Stanley, Secretary, and Leland Smith of the Executive Committee. Harold Creal, a Grange member of Homer, was first President of both the Network and the Foundation. In 1950 Harold Stanley was President.

## **RURAL RADIO NETWORK**

In 1947 the Federal Communications Commission ruled favorably on construction permits for the six station FM Radio Broadcasting System. FM means frequency modulation: static free, it had no interference, no fading. The six stations were all on elevations of over 2,000 feet and were located: Near Wethersfield, Wyoming County; Bristol Center, Ontario; Ithaca, Tompkins; DeRuyter, Madison; Cherry Valley, Otsego; and Turin, Lewis. The Network was farmer-owned, since most farmers belonged to at least one organization. At the outset all officers were farmers and Grange members, including Harold Creal, President, Clifford Snyder, Vice-President, and George Slocum, Secretary-Treasurer.

"As time goes on and the facilities of this network are enlarged," said State Master Henry Sherwood at the 1948 Lake Placid session, "it will be one of the more important methods of radio communications available to the farm people of this State. We should be honored that the New York State Grange had a part in forming this great service to the rural areas of the Empire State."

**PURPOSES OF NETWORK:** Mr. Bruce Gervan, Acting Manager, at the 1948 Deputy-Lecturer School, said: "To supplement existing radio service by supplying rural people with equivalent of a good farm paper, with particular emphasis on weather, markets, crops and agricultural developments with top listening hours devoted to these subjects." Such rurally helpful facilities were not available from regular networks, since located in larger cities as they are, appeal must be chiefly geared to more urban interests.



GRANGE HALL OF THE AIR: Mr. Gervan, 1948 Lake Placid session, said this program had an opportunity of developing into one of the greatest public services on radio, stimulating public discussions and giving city people an insight into agricultural problems. "FM sets are important farm tools."

At the Portland, Maine, 1948 National Grange session, State Master Henry Sherwood described these broadcasts: "They originate in the Lecturers' programs at Grange meetings. They have been very successful and have created much interest. Of one-half hour duration they feature discussions of current, national and international interest."

FIRST ON THE AIR was broadcasted from Fredonia Grange No. 1, a 45 minute part of its Booster Night program. FM radio sets dotted Grange Halls all over the State, so Patrons could listen to this historic event. Later in the series, Bergen Grange No. 163 used a panel discussion: "Should Price Supports be Continued?" the panel: Harry Graham, Clarence Johncox, Thomas Dermody, Master of Bergen Grange, and Paul Poirot, G. L. F. Economist. Lowville Grange No. 71 gave an early broadcast: "Where Should the State Land Buying Stop?" Panel make-up: Local editor John Boyd, District Forester C. D. Kingsbury, representative U. S. Soil Conservation Service Arthur Houck, and Arthur Waterman Lewis County Deputy. West Groton Grange No. 818, Tompkins County, chose this theme: "How Does an American Rural Community Compare with Those of Other Lands?" Four Cornell students, guests of the Grange, comprised the panel.

On Tuesday evening, 1948 Lake Placid session, the "Grange Hall of the Air" went live from the Olympic Arena, Lake Placid. Farmers unable to attend had the privilege of listening in. Theme: "How Can the Nations be Made United Neighbors?" The panel had international make-up: Lois White our Exchange student, Jamesville, New York; Mrs. Russell MacDonald, Quebec, Canada; Mr. John Madsen, Copenhagen, Denmark; Mr. Donald Pringle, Canadian member United Nations. Mr. Harry Graham, Director Grange Expansion, was Moderator, and Mr. Enoch Squires, announcer. Mr. Graham was in general charge of the entire "Grange of the Air" series. On Wednesday of that same week, the well-known Enoch Squires presented an "Interview with State Grange Delegates" which went live for one-half hour to interested listeners. Radio was a lively medium.

The personnel of the Network, other than mentioned, was: Robert Child, former editor WGY "Farm Paper of the Air,"; Claire Bannister, Director Women's Program, formerly of Texas Station WTAW; Rym Berry, "The Squire of Stoneposts Farm,"

humorist; Lee Hammick, specialist in Northeastern Farm Broadcasting; "Bill" Tyler, Agricultural News Service Correspondent, Albany; Whitney Tharin, Agricultural News Service Correspondent, Washington; and Charles Hodges, accredited U N Correspondent and foreign news annalist. News and names of Grange members were given weekly. In 1950 Florence Pickett was appointed a program committee member to work with Rural Radio. The Network proved itself a valuable public relations servant.

## TELEVISION

September 16, 1947 saw the first televised Grange program. Mrs. Isabelle Harris coordinated the ten minute show, "The Oldest Farm Fraternity," over WRGB, Schenectady. State Master Henry D. Sherwood and Past State Master W. J. Rich viewed the actual telecast, enthusiastically.

**THE STORY:** Significant events in Grange development were portrayed, beginning with Oliver Hudson Kelley's assignment by the Government to investigate deplorable conditions in the South at the close of the Civil War. The realization of his dream of the Grange ideal was depicted. Mrs. Theron Pickett took the part of Mr. Kelley's neice, Caroline Hall, that gracious lady who originated the plan of equal membership for women. Precepts of the Grange were emphasized: Flag presentation, Bible on Altar, and two men shaking hands, symbolic of Fraternity.

## "AUNT JANE" PARK

The January, 1946, National Grange Monthly carried State Lecturer Marietta Windecker's invitation: "Listen to 'Aunt Jane's' news broadcasts every Saturday. I doubt if anyone has done more to make these Grange programs interesting than 'Aunt Jane, our good newscaster. As you know, she has been doing this for over seven years now, without compensation, except for a gift once in a while. Little do we realize the hours she has so willingly given that we might listen each week to the latest news flashes and her own bits of humor that have done so much to keep members will informed." Seven years in 1946—over three times that now, well over 1000 broadcasts.

"Through winter's snow and summer's heat," says the October, 1954, National Grange Monthly, "Aunt Jane has walked a quarter mile to the bus, then by bus to Station WGY for the Saturday edition of "The Farm Paper of the Air."

"Aunt Jane" of the "ox-sized heart" promoted a program, "Mittens for Korea" in 1953. She broadcasted appeals for yarn and mittens over WGY, and spoke at National and State Grange



sessions. Support came from over thirty States. Juvenile Granges had "mitten trees." "Aunt Jane" herself crocheted 268 warm berets and four afghans. Box after box of donated yarn went to sympathetic listeners. Rev. Earl Compton, former Chaplain, 8th Army, Korea, who first enlisted "Aunt Jane's" services, said she was responsible for hundred of pairs of mittens for cold little Korean hands. The Rev. Signey N. Crumpton, Seoul Military Chaplain, wrote "Aunt Jane" of the joy of small Korean orphans in receiving mittens, scarfs, stockings and warm hats sent by hundreds of Grange members and friends from all over the United States.

Here's to our "Aunt Jane," well remembered at State sessions for her friendly handshakes, humorous monologues, and famous red hat. What she has poured into the rich reservoir of life has reached what far corners of the world! No wonder that in 1959 the City of Schenectady selected her as Senior Citizen of the Year!

## 2. THE GRANGE MEETS THE PRESS

January 1, 1934, Mr. L. B. Skeffington, Gannett Newspaper Agricultural Specialist, was appointed New York State Grange Press Correspondent. Mr. Leonard Allen, of The Watertown Times, commented: "Mr. Skeffington has made for himself a most honorable record in this very important position. His outstanding service has been instrumental in bringing into public view the great importance of the Order. He has made the public thoroughly familiar with the high educational attributes of the Grange and its many great achievements."

In 1944 State Master Henry Sherwood urged each Grange to have its own publicity representative. "Give to the papers and radio the accounts of your agricultural programs, bond sales, scrap collections and everything you do for the war effort. People are interested to know what we are doing."

That same year a daily paper carried the story of Schoharie Valley Grange No. 1572 in a war work contest from January 1 to July 1: War bonds and stamps purchased, \$16,985; blood donors 32; materials made included 155 fracture pillows, 46 knee robes, 23 scrap books, 56 miscellaneous items; 440 pounds waste fats, 8,041 pounds waste paper, and 398 pounds tin collected, plus \$1,112 donated to Red Cross.

In 1946 State Master Sherwood commended publicity achieved: "Just recently one Sunday paper in this State carried an editorial on the influence of the Grange in that county, stating that the Granges are doing an excellent piece of work by providing clean amusement for young people. While this is only part of

the good that a Grange can do, it should please us to know that writers and editors recognize the worth of the Grange."

For years The Watertown Times carried a half-page of Grange events, prized by readers. 1946 saw Wallkill River Grange No. 983 pointing with pride to a Grange page in the Middletown Times-Herald, a regular feature that kept the community informed about Grange activities. Charles Crist, Wallkill member, had a column "Fresh From the Furrow."

The 1947 Diamond Jubilee session, Oswego, found excellent news and pictorial coverage in the morning Syracuse Post Standard, the Oswego "Palladium" and the Syracuse Herald-Journal. Cooperation between the Press, State Master and officer staff was outstanding.

For many years "The Grange Gleaner," with news items devoted to State Grange sessions, was edited by Mr. Skeffington, Hugh Cosline (14 years) and James Hall of The American Agriculturist. In 1948 the latter assisted Mr. E. Payson Smith with "The Gleaner." Robert Tucker, Associated Press staff writer, and Robert Waters, of Utica Press, issued wire releases throughout the week, which appeared in all major newspapers in New York and surrounding States. George Swayze, editor "Lake Placid News", represented the local press.

At this same 1948 Lake Placid session, Mr. E. Payson Smith, former editor of a Hudson Valley newspaper, gave his first report as State Grange Publicity Director. He had contacted publishers, managing editors and subscribers, with favorable results. In the fourteenth week of its life, "The Grange Newsletter" appeared in 169 weeklies and 19 dailies. In 1954 it had place in 222 weeklies and 34 dailies, with over one and one-fourth million circulation. "We have not, however," reported Mr. Smith, "sent the newsletter to anyone who has not expressed a desire for it."

For several years Mr. Smith had a column in "The National Grange Monthly," called "The Rolling Stone," with newsy items collected in contacts with Grange members. He produced a folder, "Let Others Know—Tell the Grange Story," a guide to rural correspondents. He also distributed a helpful booklet, "Grass Roots Publicity."

In 1956 Mr. Smith was succeeded as Grange Director of Publicity by Mr. Herbert Thomsen of Stanfordville, Dutchess County, who has worked largely through the Associated Press. In his first report at Corning, 1957, Mr. Thomsen asserted: "The headline—the eye-catcher, becomes vital to a publicity campaign. This year, State Grange aimed at headlines in the effort to make more and more people—particularly non-grangers, respond in spite of themselves."



"In all, the Associated Press despatched thirteen State Grange stories this year,—and I know of no other organization that even comes near equaling this figure. It proves, I am sure, the weight of Grange opinion." Two such outstanding news items were: 1. Mr. Thomsen prepared an article on the threatened milk strike development; newspaper headlines reported that the Grange was opposed to holding milk, that the Buffalo session had asked for \$6.00 per hundredweight for milk, and more research and milk promotion. The Grange position commanded attention. 2. When the State Grange requested Governor Harriman to approve a St. Lawrence-Reynolds Metal Corporation contract, that made headlines. The proposed contract would insure industrial development and new outlets for agricultural products. Governor Harriman approved.

Other Grange reports involved: Community Service awards, annual legislative conferences, Deputy Schools, Grange Queen awards, the Grange in Conservation and similar items. When the New York Daily News patted Secretary of Agriculture Benson on the back for his coolness to price supports, Mr. Thomsen sent an article to the News pointing out that the State Grange had taken that position months before. It appeared in "The Voice of the People" feature of the Sunday News with circulation of 3,500,000. Through the Associated Press, the wire service featured the story of the ninetieth anniversary of Fredonia Grange No. 1, as a narrative that went far beyond New York State boundaries.

Typical headlines of 1960 publicity include: "Grange Urges on Farm Research," . . . "State Grange Leaders to Hold Conference in Syracuse," . . . "Local Grange Members to See Dedication." (of New National Grange Building in Washington). . . "Free Enterprise System Topic for Grange Heads." . . "Grange to Battle Farm Integration." . . "Freedom in U. S. Seen Important," . . . "Grange Youth Plan 1961 Project," . . . "Smith Hits Exploitation of Farmers," . . "Farmers Get U. N. Invitation." . . .

From the Watertown session: "Grange Head Raps Waste of Taxes," . . . "Quotes and Controls For Farmers Scored by Grange Master," . . . "Grangers Urged to Aid 'Working Farmers'". . . "Grange Would Limit Price Support Loans to Farmers," . . . "Unemployment Pay to Strikers Seen Unfair by Grange." . . . "Rocky Signs—Grange Wins Long Fight." "It was a good year for Grange publicity," said Mr. Thomsen.

Long ago Oliver Hudson Kelley, Founder, realized the value of publicity. In his great compulsion to build this fraternal-educational-agricultural Order, Mr. Kelley wrote his friend, Francis McDowell, Founder, "Give me printer's ink and I can control public sentiment on this continent. Use printer's ink at every chance."

## Chapter 8.

### COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

#### 1. SERVICE AND HOSPITALITY

In the "Washington Republican" of 1870, William Saunders, one of the Seven Founders of the Order, and First National Grange Master, said: "The admission of woman to full membership, and her assistance in the workings of the Order, is proving of incalculable value; it is indeed doubtful whether the objects of the institution, especially in regard to the refinements of education, and all that tends to brighten hearths and enliven homes, could have been accomplished without her presence and aid."

How truly this distinguished Grange member, Mr. Saunders, spoke has been evidenced by this committee. Mrs. Roy Bixby, Norfolk, when Chairman clarified its purposes as "standing for just what the names implies, service to Grange, church and community, and hospitality to all. This committee has graciously contributed to the betterment of civic, educational, social and religious life of the community." Her reference to "religious life" implies respect and assistance to all Christian groups and church life, since the Grange is strictly and impartially non-sectarian. GENERAL DUTIES: Each of this three member State Committee has charge of one third of the Pomona and Subordinate committees. Letters are sent, reports tabulated, contests and theme projects stimulated, annual yearbooks made ready. In earlier years valuable messages for The National Grange Monthly were prepared. 1961 sees this same good service in the new Empire State Granger.

Annual attendance at Farm and Home Week, Cornell, in the past has maintained broadening contact and opportunity for horizon widening. The Chairman attends annual National Grange Leadership Conferences, Washington, D. C., and regional conferences in this State when advisable.

STATE FAIR entails many responsibilities. This committee has charge of the Grange Building Rest Room, equipped so baby may take a nap while the weary mother relaxes. Minor injuries receive treatment. The Committee acts in hostess capacity, has charge of check room, registration, dressing room during singing and program contests, is chaperon to the State Grange Queen or Princess, and dispenses pertinent Grange literature to inquiring passers-by. In the two weeks 1938 Fair, 3,648 Grange members registered, including 85 from eight other States; in 1959, one week, 3,102 registered, including 41 from out of State. The Chair-



man takes part in the Grange Day program, and with the assistance of the Onondaga Committee and helpers, gives fine programs and supervises exhibits in the Harriett May Mills Building as part of Women's Activities.

STATE GRANGE sessions require a limelight spot for this committee, with: Welcoming reception for State Officers; special program, and popular annual luncheon. The Chairman gives her annual report with a breath-taking array of achievement by Subordinate, Pomona and State Granges.

CONTESTS AND EXHIBITS culminate at State Grange. Chief among these are The American Agriculturist contests, canning or baking, with State Grange recognition \$3.00 prizes to county winners, and larger prizes sponsored by various firms in collaboration with the Agriculturist. There are also State Grange sewing contests, and an ever increasing array of National Grange contests.

PATRIOTIC-EDUCATIONAL: War Bonds and Stamp Sales were promoted by this very active committee, which helped to secure a huge total of patriotic investment. A major project has always been the Revolving Scholarship Fund. It would be difficult to estimate the amount contributed under committee sponsorship, but it would easily reach many thousands of dollars. Juvenile work is encouraged.

State Grange Service and Hospitality Committee members may well be designated as

NOTABLE GRANGE WOMEN OF THE YEARS: In the following list the Committee Chairman is named:

**No. 1. 1934, Mrs. Earl Clark,** Norwich, urged educational programs which compared butter values with its substitutes, and greater use of dairy products in the home. 789 Subordinate and 52 Pomona Granges earned \$27,186.79 for Grange and Community.

**No. 2. 1935, Mrs. John Fuller,** Castile: In her talk at State Fair, Mrs. Fuller called attention to the fact that women in the Grange are not auxiliary to it, but rather enjoy equal opportunity with men. "There are more than 75,000 organized rural Grange women in New York State." The great flood in the Southern Tier of counties gave opportunity for special service.

**No. 3. 1936, Mrs. Charles** Everett, of Plattekill Grange No. 923: "We represented the Grange on the Conference Board of Women's Educational Organizations." Goal: "Community betterment by cooperation with any enterprise in the spiritual, educational, civic or social life of the community."

**No. 4. 1937, Mrs. Roy Bixby, Norfolk:** "Our exhibit, a very attractive set-up in the Harriett May Mills Building, State Fair, represented the pillars for which the Grange stands. Much credit goes to Mrs. Gerald Hotaling, Onondaga Pomona Committee Chairman, for this exhibit, viewed by 70,000. Our committees earned over \$31,000."

**No. 5. 1938, Mrs. Leslie Tanner, Medina:** "Mrs. Andrews and I represented the Grange at a meeting of the Council of Rural Women in New York City, to make plans for a National Rural Women's Day at the New York World's Fair, May 23."

**No. 6. 1939, Mrs. Nehemiah Andrews, Montgomery:** "Your Chairman attended several meetings of the Women's Legislative Forum in Albany. 29 Counties filed a report from every Grange. Committees earned \$31,739."

**No. 7. 1940, Catherine Dillenbeck, Little Falls,** cooperated with Miss Lucille Brewer in the G. L. F. Cookbook sales; represented the Grange at the Family Life Training Conference and the Nutrition Conference, Cornell. Goal: "Nutrition for National Defense." Shingles valued at \$317 were given for the National Grange Home, Washington, D. C.

**No. 8. 1941, Mrs. Ray Taylor, Lockport:** Committee sponsored an exhibit in Women's Building, State Fair, "Better Living from the Farm," which stressed milk products. A small amount of cream was churned daily as an educational demonstration; buttermilk and buttered crackers given away. Every committee was urged to secure two new members in honor of Caroline Hall, one in honor of Temperance Kelley.

**No. 9. 1942, Mrs. Lee Husted, Red Hook,** attended Women's Joint Legislative Forum, Albany, weekly during Legislative session, and participated in "Women and Industry" luncheon conference, New York City.

**No. 10. 1943, Mrs. Seward Davis, Vernon Center** chose as a theme: "PRESERVE AND CONSERVE FOR VICTORY." Blood banks, Red Cross units, and salvage were encouraged. She attended the Dairymen's League Food Forum, and represented the Grange on the Committee of War and Peace Activities.

**No. 11. 1944, Mrs. George Kohn, North Collins,** attended District Home Economics Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago; annual meeting Northeastern Dairy Conference, New York City; Speakers' Institute on Home and Farm Safety, Cornell, and became an authorized instructor in farm and home safety, one of twenty women in this State.



**No. 12. 1945, Mrs. Anthony Rivers,** Jay, worked with the motto: "Face the Future Courageously." Conducted a canning contest, with 44 counties cooperating. "While total victory has been achieved," she said, "there yet remains to win the peace."

**No. 13. 1946, Mrs. Kenneth Augur,** Milford, urged an intensive drive to increase National Grange Monthly circulation to 40,000 in this State, with more pages devoted to New York State Grange news "which we are all anxious to hear." Committees raised \$53,308.

**No. 14. 1947, Mrs. C. N. Black,** Forestville, and her committee obtained 8,200 more National Grange Monthly subscriptions; \$2,967 were contributed to the Revolving Scholarship Fund; Subordinate Committees earned \$52,946.

**No. 15. 1948, Mrs. Claude Palen,** Hurley, obtained 100% response in names and addresses of State-wide Committee Chairmen, who in all raised over \$70,000.

**No. 16. 1949, Mrs. David Mabie,** Amsterdam, reported over \$631 contributed for the Lounge of the New Grange Building, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Mabie was appointed a member of the Women's Committee, New York State Fair, by Chester DuMond, Commissioner of Agriculture.

**No. 17. 1950, Mrs. John Lavery,** Geneseo; Over \$82,000 was raised for Grange and Home improvement. Over 1,800 Grange members were registered at State Fair. Mrs. Hefti, Onondaga Pomona Chairman was most helpful. Mrs. Lavery's report placed second in the National Grange contest.

**No. 18. 1951, Mrs. Herbert Thomsen,** Poughkeepsie: \$15,560 raised for community health, \$4,774.79 for better education. Encouraged Albert Goss Memorial membership drive, "to develop Grange members not seeking any personal glory but happy to be a part of a wonderful organization."

**No. 19. 1952, Mrs. Bruce Scudder,** Fleishmans, urged official Grange road signs near Grange Halls. Her report to National Grange received first, \$25.00. At her request the New York Grange Service and Hospitality Creed, adopted officially by the State Grange, was written by Elizabeth L. Arthur, former Chairman. Mrs. Scudder reported: "2,841 women, members of Subordinate, Pomona and State Committees. . . form an immense service machine."

**No. 20. 1953, Mrs. Charles Arnold,** Bergen, whose report won second in the National contest, announced 601 committees which stressed "Hospitality." Many Granges were instrumental in bringing exchange students into Grange homes for a year.

**No. 21. 1954, Mrs. Floyd Wilmot**, Poolville, was a member of New York State Crop Executive Committee; New York State Citizens' Health Committee; Council of Home Economics, Cornell. She presented the prizewinning quilt to Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey. "International Friendship" was the project, such as pen-pals with rural women in South America.

**No. 22. 1955, Mrs. Guy Haviland, Sr.**, Middleburgh: Over \$536 was donated to The Charlton School; Grange Halls were used for regular church and Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Committees raised over \$57,000 for education, charity and Grange needs.

**No. 23. 1956, Mrs. Roy Shearman**, Perry: "One county, with all Subordinates assisting, raised money to place a Christian Chaplain in a migrant labor camp." Her Committee assisted the State Lecturer with the State Fair Grange Day luncheon. Her report won second prize, National Grange.

**No. 24. 1957, Mrs. Gerald Eastman**, Ellisburg, was hostess at the National Grange Home Economics luncheon, Rochester, for which the theme was "Let your light so shine—that others may see." Home and overseas community service were promoted. \$2,505 were donated to the The Charlton School.

**No. 25. 1958, Mrs. Eugene Daley**, Poughkeepsie, backed the "Dial Happiness" program of the National Grange Committee. Motto, "Believe, Belong and Build." Theme, "Unity Through Happiness." She spoke at 53 Grange meetings. Her committee registered 3,123 at State Fair, and checked 293 articles.

**No. 26. 1959, Mrs. Clayton Taylor**, Lawtons, received second for her report to National Grange. 5,000 letters were sent to encourage contests. \$345 were contributed toward the Library in the new Grange Building, Washington. New York State had 3,027 entries in the \$50,000 National Grange Dress Contest. May 26, 1959, 83 dresses were modeled at Lawtons Grange, with patrons present from 23 counties.

**No. 27. 1960, Mrs. Steve Karlik**, Marietta, received 630 Subordinate and 53 Pomona reports. Theme, "Golden Gateways." "Mailbox Improvement" project showed pride in the fact that the Grange started Free Delivery of Mail for rural people. Subordinate Committees gained 963 new or reinstated members; \$15,288 reported for worthy causes; the Dress Revue and Contest held at Skaneateles had attendance of over 500; the State Committee sponsored State Products Dinners, with cooperation from State Department through flyers and posters.

**No. 28. 1961, Mrs. Frank Elliott**, New Paltz, featured "Opportunity Knocks for Dedicated Hands," as theme. National \$50,000 Sew-



ing Contest was well underway. The Phillipine CARE project was undertaken to help counteract communism.

In 1962 Mrs. John J. Vanderbeck, Rochester, will be chairman, and Mrs. Charles Scofield, Otego, will be the leader in 1963.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF RURAL WOMEN has four voting delegates each from Grange, Home Bureau and Home Department of the Dairymen's League. The Service and Hospitality Committee and State Lecturer represent the Grange. The following Grange women have served as President of this group:

**Helen Keller**, 1945-46, represented agriculture on New York Woman' Council, a group of 34 women appointed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey in an advisory capacity to the Department of Commerce. Mrs. Keller's work was to assist on the Career and Small Business Clinics held on a Regional basis.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Haviland**, 1955.

**Mrs. Clayton Taylor**, 1959.

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE FORUM: A non-partisan group of 45 local and 15 State organizations, with only three agricultural.

**Mrs. Rutherford Haynor** represented the Grange 1946-54. Well-fitted for this position, Mrs. Haynor, of West Sand Lake, reported to our Legislative Representative, Kenneth Fake, Mrs. Haynor was a former Service and Hospitality Chairman, 1933.

## 2. COMMUNITY SERVICE

“Two things stand out like stone,—  
Kindness in another's troubles,  
Courage in your own.” (Anon).

For many years, without incentive of report or prize, the Granges of New York State inscribed “SERVICE” across the rural sections of the Empire State. A National Grange Monthly of 1934 indicated this: “In a period in which selfishness appears to reign, it is most refreshing to find such proof of unselfish service as the Grange often renders.”

The following references indicate the Grange and community record: Service to church is in the forefront. Rural Life services pointed out the values of rural Christian living. More than once a rural Sunday School was organized and maintained where there was no prior religious training opportunity for rural youth. Granges cleaned churches inside and painted them outside. West Laurens Grange No. 782, Otsego County, re-opened a Quaker

Church over 100 years old, and under guidance of the Rural Church Institute this became a Community Church, and a pastor was obtained. . . .Three Scotia pastors testified that Glenridge Grange No. 1544 had made their work possible.

The National Grange Monthly related how Sunday Worship Services in Enfield State Park held a germ that spread to several sections. In 1935-37 Lewis County Pomona Grange held a series of open air non-sectarian worship services in Whetstone State Park, where steep cliffs afforded a natural amphitheater and perfect accoustics. From a raw natural condition Grange members, under the direction of Deputy Master John Peterson and Forest Ranger William McCarthy, with trucks, tractors, pick and shovel literally made the place of assembly. Members of fifteen or twenty Granges plus general public attended the services. Fine musical numbers, pastors from outside the county and distinguished Grange speakers attracted.

From this project there developed annual worship services held at Cayuga State Park by Seneca County Pomona Grange. Schuyler Pomona Grange held an outdoor service near the famous lily pool in Watkins Glen State Park. On the steps of a little North Country Store, Oseola Grange No. 1432 held a Sunday afternoon service. And so the story grew.

In 1943, at the four day National Folk Dance Festival, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where competitors came from over twenty States and Canada, including the Kiowa Indians, Oklahoma City, Hampton Singers of Hampton Institute, English Folk Dancers of Alabama, and Polish Folk Dancers of Chicago, with the United States Coast Guard Band accompanying, the first place was won by Copake Grange No. 936, Columbia County. In an appearance next day at Gimbels' Store Bond Sale, Copake Grange Dancers sold \$500 of Bonds in twenty minutes.

In 1944, Mrs. Anna Davis, Secretary Whaley Pond Grange No. 885, had sold a total of \$32,881 in bonds. Litchfield Grange No. 1524 sold over \$113,000. North Star Grange No. 686 sold \$42,000, in one rally. Maple Leaf Grange No. 11, Canada, gathered huge piles of rubber tires; their scrap drive netted 85 tons. They contributed \$150 to the Victory Loan, \$25.00 to the Red Cross, gave to the Canadian Legion Fund and entertained the staff sergeants of Huntington Training Camp. Greene Grange, No. 1413, Chenango County, had four scrap drives, totaling 75,630 pounds of paper, and a large amount of iron, rags and rubber. This Grange provided the honor roll for the township, dedicated at a community picnic.

During the Victory Loan Drive, New York State Grange in cooperation with the State War Finance Committee, mailed



forty thousand letters to Grange families, urging purchase of Government Bonds. Had the grand total purchase been available to this History, it would doubtless have run into millions.

State Lecturer Marietta Windecker in 1945 stated that three Granges, Goodyear Lake No. 1509, West Laurens No. 782, and Mahopac No. 840 had sold \$6,825 of Bonds and Stamps, which make the total Bonds sold by Granges to that date, as reported, \$678,443. "This was well on the way to provide funds for the purchase of six service planes. In the cockpit of each plane is a placque that reads, 'This plane was made possible through the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps by Grange members of New York State.' "

Through the "Friendship Quilt" project of Ulster County Pomona Grange, Mrs. Charles Bell, committee Chairman, one \$100.00 Bond was purchased, emergency kits for Red Cross made, donations to U. S. O., and Bundles for America given. Neighbor Night collections in Onondaga County sent a purebred heifer overseas to a needy family. The Service and Hospitality Committee of Mountainside Grange met every Saturday from the first mention of the United Clothing Drive, and sorted, mended, packed over 1000 pounds of shoes and clothing.

Service and Hospitality Committees have always majored in community projects, such as removal of unsightly billboards, cemetery clean-ups, sewing and canning for needy, assistance for sick, aid in fire, flood or other disaster. One county reported 92 dolls dressed for Salvation Army Christmas giving. Many USO scrapbooks were sent, milk went overseas for hungry children, rocking beds, wheel chairs, hospital beds, iron lungs were donated from committee earnings. In 1946 the State Committee sponsored a Community Service Contest.

In 1949 pioneer safety was the project of Mountainville Grange No. 946, Orange County. Signs were erected at a dangerous crossing near a school. State Troopers and the State Highway Department cooperated.

In 1950 a "Lost Son Drama" developed when seven year old David Berry, son of the Secretary of Union Vale Grange No. 887, Dutchess County, was lost overnight in mountainous Clove Valley area, in zero weather. Grange members searched all night. The Grange furnished at least 50 pounds of coffee, 30 pounds sugar, over 60 loaves of bread and many pounds of cold cuts, which Grange members distributed to searchers.

NATIONAL GRANGE - SEARS ROEBUCK FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST came into bud in the late forties through efforts of National Master Albert Goss. In 1948

242 Granges, one-fourth of all in this State, were in the contest. In 1960, 777 Granges reported. In the following list, the name of the Grange Master follows Grange name. New York State first prize winners are given.

### **TOP GRANGES:**

- 1948: Greene Valley Grange No. 881, Greene County.—Robert Johnson.
- 1949: Johnsburg Grange No. 1569, Warren County—Clarence Ingraham.
- 1950: Greene Grange No. 1413, Chenango County—Ralph Morgan.
- 1951: Glenridge Grange No. 1544, Schenectady County—George Atkins.
- 1952: West Leyden No. 620, Lewis County—Dorothy Bronson.
- 1953: Macedon Grange No. 326, Wayne County—Henry Marsh.
- 1954: Yorktown No 862, Westchester County—Sidney Gilbert.
- 1955: Sodus Grange No. 73, Wayne County—Anthony Bushart.
- 1956: Mohican Grange No. 1300, Warren County—H. Russell Harris.
- 1957: Lowville No. 71, Lewis County—Frederick Buckingham.
- 1958: Mt. Tremper No. 1468, Ulster County—August May.
- 1959: Five Corners No. 1000, Cayuga County—Eugene Shaw.
- 1960: Yorktown No. 862, Westchester County—Harold Sutton.

### **NATIONAL GRANGE AWARDS IN THIS STATE:**

- 1948: Greene Valley Grange No. 881. Second prize, \$1,500 in Grange Hall equipment.
- 1951: Glenridge No. 1544, sixth, \$500.
- 1954: Yorktown No 862, honorable mention, \$500.
- 1955: Sodus No. 73, honorable mention, \$1,000.
- 1956: Mohican No. 1300, third, \$3,000.

THREE YEAR CONTINUING PROJECTS: Finals in 1954: Lowville Grange No. 71, first award, a beautiful Bible. Raymond Gordon, Master.



MEMBERSHIP SIZE of winning Granges ranged from 45 members to over 400. In 1950, two counties, Schenectady, Lloyd Brinkman, Deputy, and Franklin, James Tuggey, Deputy, were honored for 50% participation. In 1952, St. Lawrence County, first County with more than twenty Granges, took front line with 100% participation, Leonard Fuller, Deputy. In 1953, six counties, Franklin, Greene, Jefferson, Orange-Rockland, Seneca and St. Lawrence, were 100%. In 1953, 43 Deputies had 100% reporting. In 1957, based on 80 winning Granges, the average hours per Grange were 1,348; average hours for member participating, 23.2; estimated hours for all projects, 133,090. Cornell University, with Sears-Roebuck Foundation backing, is presently compiling data on New York State Grange Community Service records. In 1961, Pomona Grange competition is promised.

"Certainly the reward which any Grange receives in the sense of making their community a better place to live, of having merited the respect of other people and organizations in their locality is more important than the recognition of appearing in the list of winners," said Stanley Munro, a contest judge.

National Grange Lecturer Edward Holter, Chairman of the National Contest, added: "It is my firm belief that in this we have the greatest asset of the Grange."

## Chapter 9.

### GRANGE EXPANSION

The Grange March of Progress owes much to loyal, devoted members of the Deputy Master force, always ready to sacrifice other plans for the good of the Order. Other agencies for Grange expansion include the following:

SERVICES OF MR. HARRY GRAHAM WERE ENGAGED in 1948 by vote of the Executive Committee, under whose direction and that of the State Master, Mr. Graham worked. Born on a farm, with many rural contacts, Mr. Graham was former Lecturer of Indiana State Grange, and had served as a rural pastor in the corn belt. An effective speaker, his duties ran the gamut of sermons, conferences, workshops, radio programs, trouble-shooting, in short any activity which tended to promote Grange growth.

Mr. Graham emphasized a planned Subordinate program; that agricultural education should train for a well developed type of living; a sound Youth program; better ritualism; membership committees on a business basis; use of the "Grange Hall of the Air," television and similar activities. He helped promote the plan for looseleaf dues account books for Secretaries, and helped bring about membership awards.

Mr. Graham said: "Membership in the Grange is a valuable possession to be treasured and kept as a precious gem. . . . Organize good membership committees, see that they function, and watch the Grange grow . . . This committee should serve as a standing committee and be responsible for the following jobs: (a) Educating the members and prospective members about the meaning of Grange membership; (b) Developing and maintaining permanent lists of prospective Grange members; (c) Reporting regularly to the Subordinate Grange . . . Let's strengthen society at its grass roots, the community, the church, the school, and land as well as the farm home . . . The basic reasons for Grange membership, fraternal fellowship, sound agricultural policy, beautiful and inspiring ritualism, high ideals for individuals and society, significant service to the community," he warned, "are often by-passed in favor of those things which are cheaper and less meaningful."

Mr. Graham represented the Grange in Rural Church Conferences; the Conference on Foreign Policy at Colgate University, and the United States National Commission for UNESCO, also the American Country Life Association, and the Rural Youth of the USA and Eastern Cooperative Recreation School. His connection with New York State Grange terminated in 1950.



HENRY D. SHERWOOD, at the conclusion of his terms as State Master, contributed much to Grange expansion, with emphasis on extension of service as well as membership gain.

NATIONAL GRANGE MUTUAL LIABILITY COMPANY was of very material assistance in the various extension programs.

GRANGE EXPANSION VALUES were ably summarized by State Master Leland D. Smith: "Membership is VITAL. It counts in the legislative halls. It helps to provide finances for better programs but above all it serves as a media for the dissemination of Grange thinking. We must achieve development of social, cultural, economic and total moral structure of our communities." Herein lies a vast opportunity for outreach of American ideals.

## **2. THE STORY OF MAPLE LEAF GRANGE.**

"On Friday, November 7, T. A. DeLancey completed the organization of a new Grange at Huntingdon, Canada," was announced at the 1941 Rochester session, by State Master W. J. Rich. "This new Canadian Grange will be known as Maple Leaf, and has a charter list of 71 members. It will affiliate with Franklin County Pomona. Our congratulations and best wishes go to this new Grange across the border."

Mr. DeLancey has given his account of this great event: "The acme of my entire Grange career was the organization of Maple Leaf Grange No. 11 in the Province of Quebec, Canada. During my services with Past Master W. J. Rich, National Master Louis J. Taber assigned me the great privilege of carrying the Grange message across the border. I was received in every home with cordial welcome and gracious hospitality. The Grange message and invitation to become a part of our beloved Order were received with eagerness, and after serious thought and sincere consideration, accepted wholeheartedly, and a desire expressed to affiliate with Franklin County Pomona and the New York State Grange, thus becoming an international Order."

"Westville Grange No. 1047 degree team from Franklin County officiated at the installation of officers. One of the most thrilling moments of my entire Grange experience occurred at the dual presentation of the flags of two friendly nations, and the National Anthem of each heartily and lustily sung by all. However, the crowning glory of my entire Grange life occurred at the following session of State Grange, when, for the first time in its history, the flags of the two nations became a vital part of the opening ceremony. The placing of the two flags of these two great and friendly nations in their respective positions, equally honored by the vast audience singing with vigor the national

anthems of each country, was a thrilling and never-to-be forgotten occasion. To me this was a fitting climax to a most wonderful and interesting experience. I am happy to have been privileged to have a part in strengthening the long existing friendship through our mutual pledge of Fraternal Brotherhood. May we not apply our National Grange motto to the firm friendship of two great nations—'Esto Perpetua' ”?

The following extract from "The Huntingdon Gleaner" of November, 1941, was written by the late Beatrice Carr, first Lecturer of Maple Leaf Grange. It was forwarded to us by Mrs. George Paul, charter member, whose husband assisted Mr. DeLancey. Organized during World War II, many loyal sons of Canada were at the forefront of the battle for Freedom.

"CRUSADE OF CHEER: Nothing that has happened in recent memory has so vitalized the lagging spirit of the community as the missionary efforts of Messrs. DeLancey and Hapgood." (Deputy Fay Hapgood of Franklin County rendered valuable assistance.) "It is with eagerness that the older folk grasp the hands of friendship and health from across the line. Never were health and comfort more needed. The few that have their young folks still with them on the farm, know they must work together to protect their homes. Educational and recreational programs dealing with their own industry as well as public affairs brought to them through the Grange seem a way out."

FRIENDLY INTERCHANGES of Grange visits were made with Franklin County Granges. In 1941, a delightful example of across-the-border cooperation marked the 75th anniversary of the Dominion of Canada. Malone Grange No. 859, Burke No. 832 and Maple Leaf No. 11 staged a square dance exhibition in costume. The opening parade was led by a piper in kilts. This gay, colorful event staged in Huntingdon was long held in memory.

Westville Grange No. 1047, in 1942 their sister Grange of Canada, put on the "Forward with Freedom" program, including an original play "The Tie That Binds," written by Mrs. Carr, Maple Leaf Lecturer. Mrs. Carr presented a generous collection to the Westville Lecturer, Madeline Fallon. Mrs. Carr said: "This money token is to be invested by Franklin Pomona Grange in the War Fund of our two nations. This certificate, passed on to you, represents the Bond which our united efforts will purchase in defending our continent, and thus securing and maintaining our right to freedom. It is our sincere hope that the seed of fraternity you planted for us last November, which has blossomed in its first springtime, may put down ever deeper roots, later to be divided and transplanted throughout our kingdom."

Mr. W. E. Barrie, Maple Leaf Overseer, spoke fittingly: "In



this time of deadly peril and increasing dangers, our hearts and thoughts naturally unite with those of our kindred across the imaginary line which seeks to divide us, while a common ancestry, the ties of blood and similar ideals proclaim us one people, one continent and one brotherhood."

"The ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity that inspired our ancestors to undertake desperate adventures on a new continent far across the angry seas, we shall maintain, even at the cost of all our treasures and our lives if need be. This vast organization exemplifies in its foundation and continuing expansion the highest spirit of fraternal solicitude. We bring you our deepest gratitude for the unselfish kindness you have shown in assisting our entry into the Order of Patrons of Husbandry."

On June 15, 1943, twenty-two candidates were initiated. The speaker was Mr. J. F. Pouliot, member of Parliament from the Riviere du Loup in the Gaspé District. Mr. Pouliot expressed great interest in the cultural and educational possibilities of the Grange as a rural organization.

"Maple Leaf draws its membership from a triangle of about ten miles based on the border of New York State," said The National Grange Monthly of September 1943. "So enthusiastic did these Patrons become that they went out through the locality seeking desirable members, and during the first year doubled its membership."

Mr. DeLancey again visited Maple Leaf Grange on October 16, 1945, when forty-five Patrons from Clarenceville Grange, affiliated with Vermont State Grange, were guests of Maple Leaf. The Senior Degree team of ladies, Mrs. George Paul, captain, conferred the third and fourth degrees. Special Deputy DeLancey said: "This Grange has excelled all my expectations."

Maple Leaf Grange, which now numbers some 200 members, has contributed fine program numbers at State Grange sessions. In 1959 Kay Williams, one of the carriers of the Canadian flag, and Franklin Pomona Lecturer, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Pomona Lecturers' Association.

Maple Leaf Grange has recently been saddened by the passing of Frederick J. Donnelly, charter member, first Master, and first carrier of the Flag at a State Grange session.

The National Grange Monthly worded it well: "It takes little stretch of the imagination to recognize the value in promoting international good-will and cooperation which would result from the further extension of the Grange into the Dominion of Canada."

In the words of Herbert J. Thomson, Editor of the "Grange Gleaner", Saratoga session, "How many delegates ever saw before our flag presented with the Canadian flag? This could be an example for all seeking world peace and friendship!"

Such has been the continuing thrill and appeal of the dual flag presentation, attended by the dignity of the carriers of the flag from both sides of the friendly border.

### **3. OUR FIRST STUDENT GRANGE, CORNELL No. 1577.**

Originally organized as Cornell No. 787 in 1894, this Grange was dormant for many years. During Farm and Home Week, College of Agriculture, Cornell, 1942, State Master W. J. Rich and Deputy Merrill Curry, Tompkins County, contacted students and found them responsive to the idea of a student Grange. Faculty members proved favorable. On April 20 the new Grange was instituted; on May 2, State Master Rich installed the officers, who came from at least twelve different counties. There were forty-four charter members in this reorganization.

Forest City Grange No. 228 took active interest; on installation night many Grange leaders attended. The first regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, February, 1943, in Warren Hall. Charles M. Gardner, High Priest of Demeter, was guest speaker with an inspiring address. State Master Rich, State Lecturer Mrs. Jay Keller, State Secretary and Mrs. Stanley and many other prominent Grange officers were present.

Miss Bernice Scott, Cornell Department of Rural Sociology is College Counselor. The officers have admirable precision in their work. A student Grange has changing personnel year to year, which presents problems, but Cornell has a fine record. Annually, they entertain the first prize winner of the State Community Service Contest, and this is of mutual interest.

It can be added that several former Cornell Grange Masters married the Lecturer or Secretary who were serving as officers at the same time.



# Chapter 10.

## STATISTICAL:

### (Since 1933)

#### ANNUAL SESSIONS

Session No. & Place	Date	Master	Degree Conferred on No.
61. Lake Placid	Feb. 6-9, 1934	Fred J. Freestone	439
62. Niagara Falls	Dec. 11-14, 1934	Fred J. Freestone	353
63. Oneonta	Dec. 10-13, 1935	Fred J. Freestone	936
64. Utica	Dec. 8-11, 1936	Raymond Cooper	734
65. Ogdensburg	Dec. 14-17, 1937	Raymond Cooper	740
66. Jamestown	Dec. 13-16, 1938	Raymond Cooper	523
67. Syracuse	Dec. 12-15, 1939	Raymond Cooper	815
68. Kingston	Dec. 10-13, 1940	William Joseph Rich	143
69. Rochester	Dec. 9-12, 1941	William Joseph Rich	271
70. Syracuse	Dec. 8-11, 1942	William Joseph Rich	190
71. Syracuse	Dec. 14-17, 1943	William Joseph Rich	306
72. Syracuse	Dec. 12-15, 1944	Henry D. Sherwood	302
73. Rochester	Dec. 11-14, 1945	Henry D. Sherwood	543
74. Saratoga Springs	Dec. 10-13, 1946	Henry D. Sherwood	1,635
75. Oswego	Dec. 9-12, 1947	Henry D. Sherwood	744
76. Lake Placid	Dec. 14-17, 1948	Henry D. Sherwood	400
77. Rochester	Dec. 13-16, 1949	Henry D. Sherwood	1,075
78. Elmira	Oct. 31, Nov. 3, 1950	Henry D. Sherwood	1,516
79. Syracuse	Oct. 30, Nov. 2, 1951	Henry D. Sherwood	1,001
80. Saratoga Springs	Oct. 28-31, 1952	Leland D. Smith	961
81. Elmira	Oct. 27-30, 1953	Leland D. Smith	568
82. Jamestown	Oct. 26-29, 1954	Leland D. Smith	680
83. Rochester	Oct. 25-28, 1955	Leland D. Smith	684
84. Buffalo	Oct. 30, Nov. 2, 1956	Leland D. Smith	283
85. Corning	Oct. 29, Nov. 1, 1957	Leland D. Smith	240
86. Saratoga Springs	Oct. 28-31, 1958	Leland D. Smith	355
87. Elmira	Oct. 27-30, 1959	Leland D. Smith	358
88. Watertown	Oct. 25-28, 1960	Leland D. Smith	478
SINCE 1933 — SIXTH DEGREE TOTAL, ANNUAL SESSIONS			17,271

## SPECIAL SESSIONS

**Prior to Hartford, Connecticut, National Grange Session, 1934**  
Eastport; Rhineback; Kingston; Hudson. Total 888.

**Prior to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, National Grange Session, 1937**  
Middletown, 107; Norwich, 162; Elmira, 97. Total 366.

**Prior to Syracuse, National Grange Session, 1940**  
Watertown, 168; Beaver Falls, 131; Potsdam, 84; Lake Placid, 138; Glens Falls, 339; Johnstown, 188; Rochester, 109; Batavia, 178; Arcade, 166; Jamestown, 131; Alfred, 156; Canisteo, 189; Lyons, 114; Geneva, 225; Ithaca, 386; Binghamton, 326; Utica, 318; Oneonta, 180; Delhi, 207; Washingtonville, 202; Pine Plains, 346; Albany, 296; Syracuse, 384. Total candidates, 4,951

**Prior to Portland, Maine, National Grange Session, 1948:**  
Poughkeepsie, 666; Albany, 150; Glens Falls, 94; Oneonta, 494. Total candidates, 1,404.

**Prior to Atlantic City, New Jersey, National Grange, 1951::**  
South Kortright, 403; Liberty, 92; Kingston, 204; Mahopac, 155; Farmingdale, 118. Total candidates, 972.

**Prior to Burlington, Vermont, National Grange Session, 1953:**  
Oneonta, 196; Chatham, 202; Carthage, 274; Canton, 275; Malone, 168. Total candidates, 1,115.

**Prior to Rochester, New York, National Grange Session, 1956:**  
Ithaca, 195; Whitney Point, 154; Wellsville, 297; Nunda, 203; Penn Yan, 142; Newark, 244; Morrisville, 238; Norwich, 130; South Kortright, 93; Poughkeepsie, 382; Cobleskill, 199; Albany, 155; Mayfield, 44; Glens Falls, 153; Malone, 109; Watertown, 243; Rochester, 227. Total candidates, 3,198.

Total to receive sixth degree in special sessions, 12,894.

This does NOT include New York State members who went directly to the other State National Grange sessions to receive the sixth degree. In 1957 State Secretary Stanley reported he had sent out over 31,000 sixth degree certificates. To date it would be approximately 33,000, who have received this beautiful degree impressively conferred by State Officers.



# STATE GRANGE OFFICERS

1934 - 1960

Name	County	Term of Office		
MASTER				
Fred J. Freestone	Seneca	Feb.	1828-Dec.	1935
Raymond Cooper	Oswego	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1939
William Joseph Rich	Washington	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Henry D. Sherwood	Dutchess	Dec.	1943-Oct.	1951
Leland D. Smith	Franklin	Oct.	1951-Oct.	196—
OVERSEER				
Raymond Cooper	Oswego	Feb.	1928-Dec.	1935
W. J. Rich	Washington	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1939
Henry D. Sherwood	Dutchess	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
David C. Kidd	Livingston	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1947
Leland D. Smith	Franklin	Dec.	1947-Oct.	1951
Ralph Young	Broome	Oct.	1951-Oct.	1953
Clarence Johncox	Genesee	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1957
Russell Curtis	Madison	Oct.	1957-Oct.	196—
LECTURER				
Mrs. E. Bernard Miller	Clinton	Feb.	1934-Dec.	1939
Mrs. Jay Keller	Genesee	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Mrs. Leonard Windecker	Herkimer	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1949
Mrs. Theron Pickett	Saratoga	Dec.	1949-Oct.	1953
Mrs. Howard Reed	Oneida	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1955
Mrs. Lorenzo Palmer	Wayne	Oct.	1955-Oct.	196—
STEWARD				
W. J. Rich	Washington	Feb.	1934-Dec.	1935
Henry D. Sherwood	Dutchess	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1939
Ray R. Lant	Columbia	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Glenn Sheldon	St. Lawrence	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1947
Ralph M. Young	Broome	Dec.	1947-Oct.	1951
Clarence E. Johncox	Genesee	Oct.	1951-Oct.	1953
Russell Curtis	Madison	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1957
Matthias Smith	Otsego	Oct.	1957-Oct.	196—
ASSISTANT STEWARD				
Dana P. Waldron	Wayne	Feb.	1928-Dec.	1935
Timothy D. Thomas	Madison	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1939
Glenn B. Sheldon	St. Lawrence	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Earl C. Watson	Wyoming	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1947
*Merrill Curry	Tompkins	Dec.	1947-Dec.	1949
Russell Curtis	Madison	Dec.	1949-Oct.	1953
Matthias Smith	Otsego	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1957
Robert S. Drake	Steuben	Oct.	1957-Oct.	196—
CHAPLAIN				
Rev. Fred E. Dean	Monroe	Feb.	1932-Dec.	1937
Rev. Robert Root	Cayuga	Dec.	1937-Dec.	1947
*Carl P. Fairbanks	Wayne	Dec.	1947-Oct.	1951
Rev. John Rein	Monroe	Oct.	1951-Oct.	1953
Rev. O. Blakeley Hill	Allegany-Erie	Oct.	1953-Oct.	196—

Name	County	Term of Office		
TREASURER				
*John W. Kleis	Erie	Feb.	1924-Oct.	1957
Robert Payne	Albany	Oct.	1957-Oct.	196—
SECRETARY				
Harold M. Stanley	Onondaga	Feb.	1934-Oct.	196—
GATEKEEPER				
Timothy D. Thomas	Madison	Feb.	1934-Dec.	1935
Ray R. Lant	Columbia	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1939
Earl C. Watson	Wyoming	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Ralph M. Young	Broome	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1947
Homer Neville	Suffolk	Dec.	1947-Dec.	1949
Arthur Speenburg	Greene	Dec.	1949-Oct.	1953
Robert S. Drake	Steuben	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1957
Lawrence Benson	Dutchess	Oct.	1957-Oct.	1959
Edward Beightol	Chautauqua	Oct.	1959-Oct.	196—
CERES				
Mrs. Josephine Merk	Westchester	Feb.	1934-Dec.	1935
Alice McLean	Allegany	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1937
Mrs. Floyd Swift	Herkimer	Dec.	1937-Dec.	1939
Mrs. Donald Wickham	Schuyler	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Mrs. Walter Goff	Essex	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1945
Mrs. Loren Muck	Niagara	Dec.	1945-Dec.	1947
Mrs. Edna Black	Chautauqua	Dec.	1947-Dec.	1949
Mrs. Lloyd Wyant	Wyoming	Dec.	1949-Oct.	1951
Mrs. Leon Failing	Jefferson	Oct.	1951-Oct.	1953
Mrs. Theron Brown	Cayuga	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1955
Mrs. Leland Blodgett	Chautauqua	Oct.	1955-Oct.	1957
Mrs. Ralph Alexander	Essex	Oct.	1957-Oct.	196—
POMONA				
Mrs. Edna VanNoy	Ontario	Feb.	1934-Dec.	1935
Mrs. Mary Silliman	Wayne	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1937
Mrs. Esther Bailey	Yates	Dec.	1937-Dec.	1939
Mrs. Harry Salisbury	Chenango	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Mrs. Leon Collins	Allegany	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1945
Mrs. Jessie Prouty	Columbia	Dec.	1945-Dec.	1947
Mrs. Russell Harris	Warren	Dec.	1947-Dec.	1949
Mrs. Lucinda Harvey	Cortland	Dec.	1949-Oct.	1951
Mrs. Ernest Benjamin	Chemung	Oct.	1951-Oct.	1953
Mrs. Margaret Wilcox	Fulton	Oct.	1953-Oct.	1955
Miss Hilda Smith	Putnam	Oct.	1955-Nov.	1956
Mrs. Henry Bower	Erie	Nov.	1956-Oct.	196—
FLORA				
Mrs. Agnes King	Franklin	Feb.	1934-Dec.	1935
Mrs. Wilber Cleveland	Delaware	Dec.	1935-Dec.	1937
Mrs. Laura Neville	Suffolk	Dec.	1937-Dec.	1939
Mrs. Emma Case	Ontario	Dec.	1939-Dec.	1943
Mrs. Earl K. Stanton	Lewis	Dec.	1943-Dec.	1945
Mrs. Alice Williams	Oneida	Dec.	1945-Dec.	1947
Mrs. Louise Bailey	Cattaraugus	Dec.	1947-Dec.	1949



Name	County	Term of Office
Mrs. Raymond Phillips	Ontario	Dec. 1949-Oct. 1951
Mrs. Gerald Barden	Yates	Oct. 1951-Oct. 1953
Mrs. Leonard Whitcome	Chautauqua	Oct. 1953-Oct. 1955
Mrs. Spencer Duncan	Albany	Oct. 1955-Oct. 1957
Mrs. Thomas VanWagenen	Schenectady	Oct. 1957-Oct. 196—

#### LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

Mrs. Wilber Cleveland	Delaware	Feb. 1928-Dec. 1937
Mrs. Jay Keller	Genesee	Dec. 1937-Dec. 1939
Mrs. Theron Pickett	Saratoga	Dec. 1939-Dec. 1945
Mrs. Margaret Thorne	Monroe	Dec. 1945-Dec. 1949
Mrs. David Mabie	Fulton	Dec. 1949-Oct. 1951
Mrs. Lillian C. Niles	Washington	Oct. 1951-Oct. 1953
Mrs. Isaac Graham	Ulster	Oct. 1953-Oct. 1955
Mrs. Donald Pepper	Saratoga	Oct. 1955-Oct. 1959
Mrs. Floyd S. Gage	Ontario	Oct. 1959-Oct. 196—

For EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS see Chapter 3.

## IN MEMORIAM

**February, 1934—STATE GRANGE OFFICERS—September 1961**

“They have but passed  
Beyond the mists that blind us here. . .  
They have but dropped their robes of clay  
To put their shining raiment on.”

J. L. McGreery

Name	Office	Date of Service	Date of Decease
Aiken, H. E.	Executive Committee	(1922-1932)	1945
Aiken, Mrs. H. E.			1951
Allen, Leonard L.	Historian	(1922-1938)	Dec. 5, 1949
Auchter, Florence	Flora	(1922-1926)	
	State Juvenile Deputy	(1926 )	
Bartlett, A. J.	Executive Committee	(1885-1888)	1937
Bean, William L.	Treasurer	(1904-1908)	Feb. 12, 1938
Betts, Josiah	National Grange Deputy	(1920- )	Sept., 1934
Black, Edna	Ceres	(1947-1949)	May, 1958
Clark, Mrs. Olin	Ceres	(1924-1928)	
Clark, Olin			1945
Clemons, Mrs. Murray	Flora	(1928-1934)	1947
Clemons, Murray			1960
Connolly, Mrs. John J.	Ceres	(1920-1924)	1946
Connolly, John			1960
Cooper, Raymond	Lecturer	(1924-1928)	
	Master	(1935-1939)	
	Member Executive Committee	(1939-1942)	March 7, 1959
Curry, Merrill	Assistant Steward	(1947-1949)	1959
Curry, Mrs. Merrill			
Dawley, Mrs. Frank	Flora	(1902-1904)	
Dawley, Frank			
Dayton, Rev. Charles H.	Chaplain	(1924-1928)	March 4, 1958
Downs, Mrs. Arthur	Home Economics Com., Ch.	(1922)	April, 1951
Down, Arthur			194-
Fairbanks, Carl	Chaplain	(1947-1951)	1960
Freestone, Fred J.	Lecturer	(1923-1924)	
	Master	(1928-1935)	
	Member Nat. Exec. Com.	(1929-1941)	July 16, 1961
Giles, Mrs. W. N., wife of former State Master			1937
Goff, Mrs. Walter	Ceres	(1943-1945)	Jan., 1961
Grosh, Rev. E. E.	Chaplain	(1916-1920)	May 26, 1957
(Great-great nephew of Rev. A. B. Grosh, first Chaplain National Grange)			
Hall, A. E.	Steward	(1902-1904)	1934
Hecker, Fred	Steward	(1920-1922)	July 12, 1945
Jennings, Susie	Ceres	(1928-1930)	1941
Johnson, Deborah Morse	Ch. Home Economics	(1923)	Dec. 7, 1945
Jordan, Mrs. Dewitt C.	Ch. Home Economics	(1926)	Jan. 16, 1956
Jordan, Dewitt			Feb. 22, 1943
King, Mrs. Floyd	Flora	(1934-1935)	
King, Floyd			
Kleis, John W.	Treasurer	(1924-1957)	Mar. 21, 1958
Kleis, Mrs. John			



Name	Office	Date of Service	Date of Decease
Lawton, Mrs. Olin, wife of former Steward			
Lowell, Sherman J.	Lecturer	(1908-1912)	
	Master	(1916-1920)	
	National Grange Master	(1919-1923)	Feb. 3, 1940
Lowell, Mrs. Sherman J.			Oct. 6, 1942
Manning, Mrs. Albert	Flora	(1914-1916)	Feb. 13, 1949
Wife of former State Master			
Miller, Mrs. E. Bernard	Lecturer	(1934-1939)	
	Historian	(1940-1941)	Jan. 12, 1953
Miller, E. Bernard			1948
Penny, George T.	Gatekeeper	(1904-1906)	1944
Pettit, Percy, husband former Home Economics Committee Chairman			1939
Phillips, Cora	Pomona	(1922-1924)	1947
Potter, Mrs. Charles	Pomona	(1930-1934)	Aug. 20, 1942
Potter, Charles			
Pratt, C. H., husband of former Ceres			1960
Prouty, Mrs. William	Pomona	(1945-1947)	Mar. 13, 1957
Riley, Frank J.	Secretary	(1924-1934)	
	Member Executive Com.	(1935-1938)	Nov. 28, 1958
Riley, Mrs. Frank J.			1940
Scudder, Bruce, husband of past Service & Hospitality Chairman			Mar. 23, 1961
Sheldon, Mrs. Glenn, wife of former Steward			1958
Smith, Mrs. Herbert D.	Pomona	(1926)-1928)	July 1, 1947
Smith, Herbert D.			
Smith, Mrs. L. D., wife of Overseer			Sept. 1, 1948
Stafford, Mrs. Harley	Ceres	(1930-1934)	1946
Stafford, Harley			
Stanton, Mrs. Earl	Flora	(1943-1945)	Nov. 22, 1958
Strivings, Mrs. Silas, wife of former Master			1936
Swift, Floyd, husband of former Ceres			Feb. 1960
Tallman, Mrs. W. D.	Flora	(1918-1922)	1961
Tallman, W. D.			
Tanner, Mrs. Leslie	Ch. Service & Hospitality	(1938)	Sept. 20, 1945
Tanner, Leslie			Jan. 23, 1942
Thomas, Timothy	Assistant Steward	(1935-1939)	1947
Tucker, Rev. E. L.	Chaplain	(1928-1935)	1940
Walrath, Edson	Ch. Executive Committee	(1922-1939)	1949
Waldron, Dana	Assistant Steward	(1928-1935)	April 22, 1957
Waldron, Mrs. Dana	(Matie)		March 28, 1934
Ware, Mrs. W. W.	Lady Assistant Steward	(1900-1904)	April 7, 1958
Watson, George	Lecturer	(1916-1918)	1941
Weaver, Mrs. J. Wells	Ch. Home Economics	(1929)	1935
Weaver, J. Wells			Sept. 9, 1948
Wilcox, Fredus	Chaplain	(1920-1924)	
Wixon, O. M., Assistant Secretary 26 years			July, 1938
Wixon, Mrs. O. M.	Ceres	(1888-1890)	1939
Worker, Ross, husband of past Chairman Home Economics Committee			
Young, George	Gatekeeper	(1922-1924)	1942

NOTE: Space requirements necessarily limited the above to officers, wives and husbands. Every possible effort has been made to assure completeness and correctness. Omissions are unintentional. In some instances, date of death was unobtainable.)

## ROSTER OF DEPUTY GRANGE MASTERS

1934 - 1961

ALBANY: Lansing Appleby, Rhodell M. Stanton, Leo Appleby, Lawrence Starr, Donald M. Robinson, Walter G. Emerich, Spencer G. Duncan, Earl Loucks.

ALLEGANY: Everett E. Eldridge, Howard Wightman, G. LaRue Sears, E. Allen Witter, Wendell E. Chamberlain, Lloyd Bump, Ernest Witter.

BROOME: Clyde Eggleston, Ralph M. Young, Maurice Mallery, B. Browe Stone, Bert Palmer, Lee Ward.

CATTARAUGUS: Earl N. Williams, Clarence H. Smith, Herman Bailey, Anthony Covert, Clayton Waite.

CAYUGA: Miss Elizabeth Goodrich, S. Carlyle Bradley, Seymour Barnes, Clyde B. Myers, Bert Schwartz, James Ryan.

CHAUTAUQUA: James Pringle, C. N. Pierpont, Fred S. Palmer, J. W. Wellman, Edward Beightol, Willard Ayers, Leland Blodgett, Norris Wooley.

CHEMUNG: O. J. Sears, Charles Mosher, Mrs. Ernest Benjamin, William Doane.

CHENANGO: Leland B. Smith, Fred Emmick, Clarence M. Smith, George Robinson, Clyde Hitchcock, Arnold Yapple, Ralph C. Bassett, Hugh Elliott, Hubert Barnes.

CLINTON: Harley L. Stafford, Earl Clark, Edgar Downs, Frank Ryan, James Slattery, Leonard DeCelle, Seward Orr, Harvey Fredenburg, Jay Sartwell.

COLUMBIA: Ray R. Lant, Grant Leggett, Mrs. Jessie Prouty, Frank B. Stark, Grafton Griswold, J. Elliott Banks.

CORTLAND: Glenn Alexander, L. E. Harvey, George Hughes, Thomas Turner, L. Ray Alexander, Charles H. Waters, Olin Spencer, William Turner, Jr., Vernon Williams.

DELAWARE: Wilber L. Cleveland.

DUTCHESS: Fred Pulling, Ethan A. Coon, Henry M. Pitcher, Leslie W. Thorley.

ERIE: Walter A. Clark, Glenn Woodard, Howard J. Woods, George Snyder, Henry Bower, Franklin Herman, Norman Pfeffer.

ESSEX: William Thompson, C. Walter Goff, James Mason, Anthony J. Rivers.



FRANKLIN: Leland D. Smith, Fay Hapgood, Roy N. Jarvis, James Tuggey, Mrs. Fay Hapgood, Alfred J. Laraby.

FULTON: Harrison M. Moore, Charles V. Allen, Floyd DeGolyer, Jaro Malec, Robert Johnson, Charles Edwards.

GENESEE: W. P. K. White, Clarence Johncox, Howard Geer, Buell J. Fuller, Harry Pfann, Wilber Steiner, Clare O. Joslin, Wilbur Paddon, Edward Hatch, Wayne Phelps, John Parmalee, Norris Geer.

GREENE: Willis Brandow, M. B. VanSchaack, Floyd Miller, Arthur L. Speenburgh, Edgar Jennings, Richard Ogden, Harry Myers.

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# AMENDMENT TO ROSTER IN VOLUME I.

## Granges Organized in New York State 1868-1933

(See Volume 1 for entire listing.)

No.	Grange Name	First Master	First Secretary	County	Date Organized
2.	Brocton Reorganized as Portland No. 82.	H. C. Taylor	Frank Burton	Chautauqua	Oct. 13, 1870
		H. C. Taylor	G. E. Ryckman		Feb. 7, 1874

“Afterward the original number 2 was given it at the request of Mr. G. D. Hinckley, Master of the State Grange.” Authority, Oliver Hudson Kelley, National Secretary Harry A. Caton, and State Secretary Harold M. Stanley.)

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16.	Mannsville	T. B. Sheperd	W. G. Hitchcock	Jefferson	1873*
35.	Penn Yan No. 1178	Guy Shaw	Wm. T. Remer	Yates	1874* R
49.	Mentz	W. A. Jacobs	Wm. H. Root	Cayuga	1874*
53.	South Rutland Valley	Sylvester Kellogg	G. W. Campbell	Jefferson	1874
63.	Malone No. 959	P. P. Paddock	C. H. Palmer	Franklin	1874* R
64.	Kendaia	A. J. Bartlett	E. S. Bartlett	Seneca	1874
66.	Orwell	J. J. Hollis	John D. Beadle	Oswego	1874*
71.	Lowville	C. D. Davenport	M. J. Wilcox	Lewis	1874* R
74.	Scipio	John P. White	W. A. Morgan	Cayuga	1874*
84.	Barnes Corners	G. W. Acker	Lewis H. Jones	Lewis	1874*
88.	Tyre	W. A. Stevenson	E. J. Schoomaker	Seneca	1874*
89.	Wheatland	H. A. Barnum	J. H. Schmock	Niagara	1874*



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90.	Copenhagen	Nathan Clark	H. F. Rich	Lewis	1874*
109.	Westfield	J. F. Rickenbrode	E. S. Cosgrove	Chautauqua	1874* R
114.	Philadelphia	Lansing Becker	C. E. Gould	Jefferson	1874* R
121.	East Shelby No. 1239	P. B. Jackson	Nelson Parson	Orleans	1874* R*
128.	Texas	M. G. Stevens	A. G. Dennis	Oswego	1874*
136.	Dutchess	Gilbert Bentley	C. G. Toosey	Dutchess	1874*
139.	Magee (Corners)	E. F. Strong	T. F. Magee	Seneca	1874
160.	Interlaken (Farmer Village)	W. W. Boorum	Wm. Ditmars	Seneca	1874* R
179.	Arkport No. 1373	W. S. Hurlbut	Samuel Woolaven	Steuben	1874* R*
182.	Springport No. 1184	Joseph Eldridge	Randolph Weed	Cayuga	1874* R*
225.	Daysville	Jas. Manwarring	H. J. Tyler	Oswego	1874*
230.	Danby No. 1254	Joel Banfield	W. E. Chapman	Tompkins	1874* R
255.	Hamptonburg No. 950	S. G. Webb	W. H. Pierson	Orange	1874* R
259.	Chester No. 984	John H. Vail	J. E. Wells	Orange	1874* R
310.	Hamlin	James H. Redman	W. H. Straight	Monroe	1875*
316.	Stockton	E. S. McCullough	M. Bailey	Chautauqua	1875
318.	North Hector	George Predmore	M. D. Hause	Schuyler	1875*
374.	Troupsburg	J. C. Rutherford	Alfred Williams	Steuben	1876
380.	Mutual	Whitney Powell	T. S. Willets, Jr.	Queens	1876*
384.	Hawleyton No. 1575	J. C. Gage	I. S. Mosher	Broome	1876* R
385.	Speedsville	Epenetus Howe	J. M. Parker	Tompkins	1876*
387.	Etna	A. T. Tyler	G. E. Hanford	Tompkins	1876*
396.	St. Lawrence	W. H. Walrath	W. E. Walrath	Jefferson	1876*
400.	Westmoreland No. 1433	A. G. Williams	J. K. Schuyler	Oneida	1877* R
417.	Slingerland	Wm. Bullock	H. K. Wanzer	Albany	1878*
428.	Avon	Wm. P. Law	H. H. Ayers	Livingston	1879
429.	Waterbury	Thomas Bower	Mrs. Thomas Bower	Tompkins	1880*
447.	Preble	A. S. Outt	J. D. F. Woolston	Cortland	1882* R
448.	Borodino No. 1272	Frank Colton	H. A. Colton	Onondaga	1882* R
452.	Plymouth No. 1535	Pardon S. Brown	W. D. Powell	Chenango	1882* R
478.	East German	George A. Purdy	J. D. Skillman	Chenango	1884*
479.	German	S. S. Eaton	H. L. Bentley	Chenango	1884*

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480.	Dewittville	A. B. VanNamee	Smith Eddy	Chautauqua	1884* R
481.	McDonough	James H. White	C. L. Horton	Chenango	1884*
484.	Coventry No. 1511	Miles Hartwell	Silas M. Watson	Chenango	1885* R
495.	Sampson	Wm. H. Connor	M. D. Bogart	Lewis	1885*
498.	Acme	S. W. Ellison	F. B. Taggart	Tioga	1885* R 1928
502.	Nineveh	W. H. Pool	J. R. Wolf	Broome	1886*
505.	Erie	Christian Zehr	W. D. Chase	Lewis	1886*
506.	Elk Creek	W. H. Chamberlain	Lewis Ball	Otsego	1886*
510.	Twin Valley No. 1353	Earl Cartwright	F. W. Bauder	Broome	1886* R
515.	Freysbush No. 1282	Eli Casler	G. A. Watrous	Montgomery	1887* R
518.	North Colesville	T. C. Kasson	L. B. Farnsworth	Broome	1887*
520.	Afton No. 1515	John R. Carr	H. E. VanAlstine	Chenango	1887* R
527.	Cherry Creek	Frank R. Pope	V. M. Carter	Chautauqua	1887
531.	Pitcairn	S. V. VanPatten	F. C. Fowler	St. Lawrence	1887*
543.	Cohocton No. 974	George Walden	Charles Butler	Steuben	1887* R
550.	Decatur Valley	Perrin Waterman	Wesley Dennis	Otsego	1888*
557.	North Star	John Palmer	Ida Wakefield	Tioga	1888*
558.	New Bremen	Howard Garnsey	J. F. Hildreth	Lewis	1888*
566.	West Canada Creek	H. I. Hildreth	G. E. Phillips	Herkimer	1888
569.	Fairfield	H. S. Barnes	Jennie Barnette	Herkimer	1888* R*
577.	Greene No. 1413	W. H. Hotchkiss	R. A. Mathewson	Chenango	1889* R
604.	Villanova (Hamlet)	W. J. French	A. W. Brown	Chautauqua	1889
620.	West Leyden	B. F. Kent	G. L. Shepard	Lewis	1889*
622.	Boonville No. 1547	Jerry Fisk	F. P. Shute	Oneida	1889* R
625.	West Vienna	Garret Widrick	W. J. Bronner	Oneida	1889*
632.	Van Hornellsville	Levi Wiles	C. N. Wetmore	Herkimer	1890* R 1941
654.	Fair Play	G. W. Blatchley	C. S. Haynes	Broome	1889*
661.	Charlton No. 1476	G. C. Valentine	E. C. Fowler	Saratoga	1890* R
673.	Excelsior	John W. Barita	Will Fitch	Montgomery	1890*
686.	North Star	Samuel Cave	G. A. Green	Herkimer	1890*
694.	Ashville	A. W. Stoddard	Mrs. J. M. Robinson	Chautauqua	1890
736.	Wharton Valley No. 991	J. M. Robinson		Otsego	1891* R



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759.	Barnerville	Cyrus Cross	A. B. Ryder	Schoharie	1891*
766.	Franklinton No. 1326	O. M. Duncan	G. S. Rugg	Schoharie	1891* R
775.	Napoli No. 1056	O. S. Booth	G. A. Gladden	Cattaraugus	1892* R
781.	Clarksville	Thomas Cant	Mrs. N. Frederick	Albany	1893
782.	West Laurens	G. F. Bull	Mrs. G. G. Brennan	Otsego	1893
783.	Elba	A. E. Blood	H. J. Steele	Genesee	1893
784.	Empire	Wm. Tiffany	J. C. Young	Schenectady	1893*
785.	West Oneonta	A. M. Lull	Mrs. E. Newell	Otsego	1893
786.	Maple Grove	C. B. Hull	F. A. Miller	Otsego	1894
787.	Cornell No. 1577	C. S. Moore	L. A. Peters	Tompkins	1894* R
788.	Otsego	Dr. J. H. Martin	V. S. Fuller	Otsego	1894*
789.	Emerald	J. B. Peaslee	M. N. Kilburn	Cattaraugus	1894* R
790.	Fly Creek Valley	Ulysses VanHorn	Frank Chamberlain	Otsego	1894
791.	Olean	Frank N. Godfrey	D. L. Parker	Cattaraugus	1894
794.	Winfield	L. D. Bemiss	A. L. Fenton	Herkimer	1895*
816.	Bradford	J. C. Switzer	Frank Plaisted	Steuben	1896*
826.	Jewett No. 1534	Wesley Travis	Herbert Pond	Greene	1896* R
837.	Moers	John N. Stowe	P. L. Mahan	Clinton	1897
839.	Poughkeepsie	Alson DeGarmo	G. W. Burhans	Dutchess	1897* R
885.	Whaley Pond	S. R. Turner	Mrs. Van M. Kelley	Dutchess	1900
886.	Hermon	M. D. Alverson	E. E. Stalbird	St. Lawrence	1900*
890.	Wheatland	Henry Smith	S. W. Cox	Monroe	1900*
893.	Gallupville	Menzo Haverly	C. E. Spatcolt	Schoharie	1900* R 1934
896.	Rhinebeck	C. R. Traver	F. E. Traver	Dutchess	1900* R
903.	Ionla	C. R. White	May Dibble	Ontario	1901*
905.	Jackson Corners	Henry C. Near	W. G. Wright	Dutchess	1901* R
911.	Monroe	George S. Bull	Frank O'Neil	Orange	1901*
914.	Bowmansville	William H. Beach	H. D. Baker	Erie	1902*
921.	Wallkill	J. G. Pethebridge	Moses Smith	Ulster	1902*
923.	Plattekill	D. R. Gerow	J. B. Minard	Ulster	1902* R
939.	Patterson	George R. Penney	A. I. Ackin	Putnam	1902* R

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951.	Stony Ford	Ebenezer Bull	Ellis Carvey	Orange	1903*
953.	Ischua	Elisha H. Terry	T. E. Cline	Cattaraugus	1903*
956.	<b>Homowack</b>	L. Cantine	Sanford Ludney	Ulster	1903
969.	<b>Ulster Park</b>	Edgar Terpening	Mary Streeter	Ulster	1903
970.	Lake View	S. C. Grinnell	Florence Sheldon	Essex	1903*
987.	Chaffee	H. S. Johnson	N. A. Briggs	Erie	1903*
990.	<b>North Otto</b>	Walter Taft	S. G. Burdick	Cattaraugus	1903* R
992.	Mountain View	H. G. Irven	Charles Powers	St. Lawrence	1903*
996.	East Scipio	Frank Banks	F. A. Ward	Cayuga	1903*
998.	Taghkanic	S. S. Simmons	W. H. Hanver, Jr.	Columbia	1903*
1003.	<b>Wawayanda</b>	George Miller	Frank Remey	Orange	1904
1015.	<b>Wadhams</b>	W. H. Lobdell	M. E. Lobdell	Essex	1904
1016.	Great Valley	O. D. Rhodes	G. L. Folts	Cattaraugus	1904*
1024.	New Hope	George Hoyt	W. E. Rounds	Cayuga	1904*
1037.	Port Leyden	D. C. Markham	P. H. Bedinger	Lewis	1905*
1043.	Centerville	D. E. Sawyer	Mrs. O. Hotchkiss	Allegany	1905*
1048.	Cazenovia	E. C. Blakely	J. H. Tiffany	Erie	1906*
1051.	<b>Rose</b>	E. W. Catchpole	G. C. Catchpole	Wayne	1906
1052.	Germantown	J. J. Hover	Henry Fingar	Columbia	1906*
1055.	Waneta	David E. Hoover	E. M. Wixon	Schuyler	1906*
1057.	Livingston	H. D. Kline	L. M. Hallenbeck	Columbia	1906*
1063.	Darien	A. J. Lanthrop	Mrs. Jos. Fritts	Genesee	1906*
1077.	Lewis	Lawrence Redmond	F. L. Roberts	Essex	1906*
1080.	Bristol Valley	Garrett Wheaton	M. G. Goff	Ontario	1906*
1085.	<b>Kingsbury</b>	J. H. Durkee	G. L. Shepardson	Washington	1907
1091.	Little Valley	Merritt P. Chase	H. H. Shipherd	Cattaraugus	1907* R
1093.	Hyde Park	W. C. Brooks	S. Y. Todd	Dutchess	1907*
1095.	Four Town	Dwight W. Harris	E. G. Harris	Cayuga	1907*
1111.	Candor 1466	A. H. Woodford	Mrs. A. H. Woodford	Tioga	1907* R
1115.	Unadilla Valley 1566	Theodore White	Mrs. H. H. Goodnow	Chenango	1907* R
1117.	Birdsall	G. D. Gibson	E. R. Gelser	Allegany	1907* R
1119.	East Otto	L. H. Utley	S. A. Laing	Cattaraugus	1907*



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1124.	Knowlesville	W. J. Howlett	H. S. Frost	Orleans	1908*
1135.	Tawasentha	E. J. Marsden	J. H. Lavery	Albany	1908*
1137.	Rushville	L. C. Williams	R. G. Perry	Yates	1908* R
1138.	Alden	Louis Somers	Miss G. C. Erkstine	Erie	1908*
1142.	Buternut Valley 1533	H. E. Benedict	F. J. Johnson	Otsego	1908* R
1148.	Somerset	E. G. Fox	Jesse Stewart	Niagara	1908* R
1152.	Unadilla Valley	C. H. Clark	Elizabeth Penney	Oneida	1908* R*
1153.	Nanticoke Valley	George Frederick	R. H. Oliver	Broome	1908
1154.	East Aurora	G. P. Dick	M. J. Bunting	Erie	1909*
1155.	Middlesex Valley	E. L. Peck	L. C. Williams	Yates	1909*
1160.	Medina	M. E. Weld	W. J. Freeman	Orleans	1909*
1171.	Dale	R. D. Choate	Mrs. Mabel Rix	Wyoming	1909*
1182.	Limestone	M. W. Wagner	Miss Bessie Zelif	Cattaraugus	1909*
1184.	Springport	A. H. Goodrich	Willis Weed	Cayuga	1909*
1190.	Hartland	Allen Pierce	Frank Norton	Niagara	1909* R
1191.	Ouleout	C. E. Carrington	G. M. Slosson	Delaware	1909
1204.	Stockbridge	F. W. Marshall	R. L. Clark	Madison	1910*
1213.	South Dayton	Frank Treble	A. G. Hemphill	Cattaraugus	1910*
1217.	Georgetown No. 1540	Lloyd D. Upham	Lizzie Brown	Madison	1910* R
1223.	Hague No. 1568	W. W. Delarm	Minnie Ross	Warren	1911* R
1230.	Hall	J. H. Carr	Mary Pierce	Ontario	1911*
1238.	East Worcester	Joseph Ferris	Benton Green	Otsego	1911*
1239.	East Shelby	B. C. Roberts	C. H. Neal	Orleans	1911*
1243.	Belmont	J. R. Hadnett	Raymond Baker	Allegany	1911* R 1927
1258.	Niagara	William Easton	J. W. Morgan	Niagara	1912*
1260.	Earlville	J. W. Crowell	R. B. Paige	Madison	1912*
1265.	West Bloomfield	Henry E. Taft	Jennie M. Bancroft	Ontario	1912*
1269.	Hannibal Center	Charles Rogers	Ruth Ames	Oswego	1912*
1276.	Cayuga Valley	Charles F. Schmelyle	R. J. Patch	Wyoming	1912*
1279.	Good Cheer	Charles Veeder	Ida Maloney	Montgomery	1912*
1284.	Blenheim	W. M. Vroman	B. C. Woods	Schoharie	1912*
1288.	Mattituck	Arthur L. Downs	J. T. Kirkup	Suffolk	1912*

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1291.	Griffins Mills	R. C. Graves	J. C. Graves	Erie	1912*
1292.	Murray	L. S. Walter	W. H. Brightly	Orleans	1912* R 1927
1299.	Argusville	Emmet Kilts	Bertha Gardiner	Schoharie	1913*
1301.	Kelly	Lester Conrad	Gertrude Lidell	Chemung	1913* R 1946*
1302.	Union	C. J. Gray	George Jackman	Steuben	1913*
1305.	Sullivanville	Eugene Bush	Frank Campbell	Chemung	1913*
1316.	Shandelea	Louis Black	F. C. Rittweger	Sullivan	1913*
1317.	Jeffersonville	Edward C. Niger	M. F. Ernst	Sullivan	1913*
1319.	Lisle	Curtis Day	F. P. Edminister	Broome	1913*
1323.	Swan Lake	W. C. Stanton	D. L. Dresmon	Sullivan	1913*
1324.	Medford	John P. Gallagher	Frank Schissel	Suffolk	1914*
1325.	Youngsville	Garrett Krum	Fritz Sammann	Sullivan	1914*
1327.	Otego Valley	Albert H. Straight	Hobart Bennington	Otsego	1914
1331.	Hinman Hollow	S. J. Winslow	G. J. Wescott	Otsego	1914* R 1933
1336.	Rising Sun	Charles Snyder	Minnie Snyder	Oswego	1914*
1339.	Warrens Corners	Charles Parker	W. A. Bradley	Niagara	1914*
1351.	University	W. H. Peck	Mrs. Clara Cross	Onondaga	1914*
1352.	West Kortright	R. H. Fisher	T. D. Harrington	Delaware	1914*
1354.	Whitesville	A. C. White	Mrs. Charles Bloss	Allegany	1914*
1359.	North Norwich	Lynn Curtis	Eugene Mundy	Chenango	1914* R
1361.	Massapequa	Allen E. Moore	R. H. Jacobs	Nassau	1914*
1364.	Buena Vista	Otto Cornim	Fred Dawson	Steuben	1915*
1367.	West Almond	Frank Morton	Mrs. Albert Potter	Allegany	1915
1370.	Plainville	W. W. Loomis	Milton Voorhees	Onondaga	1915*
1373.	Arkport	A. W. Latimer	Mildred Reams	Steuben	1915*
1375.	West Shelby	J. F. Walker	Mrs. George Gilbert	Orleans	1915*
1376.	Treadwell	A. B. Smith	Ella Clark	Delaware	1915*
1379.	Kayutah Lake	Mott Tracey	Homer Dickens	Schuyler	1915
1382.	Wayland	C. P. Newfang	Nina Newfang	Steuben	1915*
1386.	Bethel	Calvin Miller	F. S. Brown	Sullivan	1915*
1388.	South Pultney	George Schoeffler	Mrs. Charles Potter	Steuben	1915*
1397.	Smithville Valley	E. H. Skillman	Harry Harrison	Chenango	1916



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1398.	Otselic Valley	C. E. Thompson	Sanford Shapley	Chenango	1916* R 1940
1403.	Alder Creek	W. O. Newton	Clara Jones	Oneida	1916*
1418.	Keshequa	John W. Slaight	Mrs. J. C. Whitnick	Livingston	1917
1426.	Livingston Manor	J. Townsend	Mrs. J. Townsend	Sullivan	1918*
1434.	Cornwallville	William C. Latta	A. E. Smith	Greene	1918*
1435.	Florence	John A. Smith	James Kirkland	Oneida	1918*
1442.	Freedom No. 1537	E. C. Hulburt	R. E. Crego	Cattaraugus	1919* R*
1463.	Ellicottville	H. B. French	William Litchfield	Cattaraugus	1920*
1466.	Candor	Reed Powers	Mrs. M. F. Personious	Tioga	1920
1472.	Steamburg	E. E. Bogart	Rosella Darling	Cattaraugus	1920*
1474.	Broadalbin	H. R. Cooper	Dulcie Hatzenbuler	Fulton	1920*
1479.	Richmondville	S. B. Patrick	Laura Sheldon	Schoharie	1921*
1487.	Grahamville	Robert Many	Sanford Homebeck	Sullivan	1923*
1490.	Shavertown	L. J. Frisbie	W. A. Frisbie	Delaware	1924*
1496.	West Urbana	H. B. Ferguson	Lawrence Lafler	Steuben	1925*
1504.	Tupper Lake	Mark J. Barry	Alice L. Hathaway	Franklin	1927*
1517.	Bovina	John A. Henry	Mrs. Frank Liddle	Delaware	1931*
1522.	Trout Creek Valley	C. B. Teed	Marian Eckhart	Delaware	1932*

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1532.	Goodrich Settlement	Geo. B. Stiles	Anna Thompson	Tioga	1934
1533.	Butternut Valley	Stanley R. Wilber	Mrs. Mabelle Wilber	Otsego	1934
1534.	Jewett	William Peck	A. Buell Morse	Greene	1934
1535.	Plymouth	J. W. Foster	Mrs. W. B. Sabin	Chenango	1934
1536.	Summit	Charles Foote	Mrs. Julia Foote	Schoharie	1934
1537.	Freedom	E. C. Hurlburt	H. K. Storms	Cattaraugus	1934

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1538.	Taconic Valley	Fred E. Jones	Alice B. Fitzgerald	Rensselaer	1934
1539.	Mundale	Joseph L. Hoyt	Edith B. Easson	Delaware	1934
1540.	Georgetown	Alfred S. Brown	Jessie Bliss	Madison	1934
1541.	Delevan	Ward Dedrick	Cora Waring	Cattaraugus	1934
1542.	Niskayuna	Joseph I. Turner	Mrs. Chas. C. Gasner	Schenectady	1935
1543.	Florida	Garret Young	Mrs. *Eleanor Brown	Montgomery	1935
1544.	Glenridge	Herbert V. G. Dumont	Mrs. Lawrence Terwilliger	Schenectady	1935
1545.	Apalachin	Clayton H. Gibson	Helen Granes	Tioga	1935
1546.	Stony Creek	Scott Knowlton	Mrs. Beecher Glasbrook	Warren	1935
1547.	Boonville	Pearl W. Lawton	Ella Shue	Oneida	1935
1548.	Colonie	Walter G. Emerick	George Klink	Albany	1936
1549.	Gifford	Wesley Blessing	Martha Blessing	Schenectady	1936
1550.	Remsen	Kenneth Fairchild	E. Regina Crossway	Oneida	1936
1551.	Scotia	Fred M. Benington	Mrs. S. N. Mabree	Schenectady	1936*
1552.	Susquehanna Valley	Maurice Mallory	Anna M. Randall	Broome	1937
1553.	Charlotte Valley	Osborn McMorris	Bert S. Reddell	Delaware	1937
1554.	Progressive	Browe Stone	Kenneth Tyler	Broome	1937*
1555.	Potter Hollow	Floyd L. lives	Mrs. Eva Mae Roney	Albany	1937
1556.	Guyanoga Valley	Chas. J. Spiker	Margaret Botsford	Yates	1937
1557.	Catskill Valley	Leland R. Cole	Mrs. Raymond Meddaugh	Greene	1937
1558.	Gilboa-Conesville	Alton Kingsley	Mrs. Harry Wyckoff	Schoharie	1937
1559.	South Trenton	Fred Brenning	Mrs. Josephine Wheeler	Oneida	1938
1560.	Hartwick Seminary	Porter R. Backus	Beulah W. Cobb	Otsego	1938
1561.	Stone Church	Lawrence Benson	Mrs. Walter H. Sanford	Dutchess	1938
1562.	Lotville Friendship	Clyde Fitzer	Anna Kelly	Fulton	1938
1563.	Berkshire	E. S. Marsh	Mrs. Erma L. Clark	Tioga	1938
1564.	Sharon	James Willoughby	Francis Hazzard	Schoharie	1939
1565.	Delaware Valley	Donald J. More	Marion Mattice	Delaware	1939
1566.	Unadilla Valley	Lynn Nearing	Albert Almsteadt	Chenango	1939
1567.	Sherrill	Elbert E. Evans	Margaret Smith	Oneida	1939
1568.	Hague	Harold Carpenter	Charles Smith	Warren	1940
1569.	Johnsburg	Frank E. Hewitt	Jennie J. Reynolds	Warren	1940



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1570.	Algonquin	Leo L. Nichols	Harriet Williams	Chenango	1940
1571.	Otsenango	Ray E. Parker	Margaret B. Parker	Chenango	1940
1572.	Schoharie Valley	Douw Ackner	Carl DeGroff	Schoharie	1940
1573.	Windy Ridge	Clyde Foote	Kathleen Mattice	Schoharie	1940
1574.	Pine Mountain	Frank Koren	Pearl Shattuck	Otsego	1940*
1575.	Hawleyton	Arland Gaige	Burt Cline	Broome	1941
11.	Maple Leaf (Canadian)	Fred J. Donnelly	Cameron Stewart	Franklin	1941
1576.	Seward Valley	Floyd Brown	C. Avery Robinson	Schoharie	1941
1577.	Cornell	Lewellyn Mix	Frank Wiley	Tompkins	1942
1578.	Smyrna	Kenneth Simmons	Martin Symonds	Chenango	1942
1579.	Foxenkill	Donald H. Boyden	Millard Shultes	Albany	1943
1580.	Ballston	A. Erle Feeney	Kathleen Stewart	Saratoga	1944
1581.	Norwich Township	Hubert Evans	Fannie I. Graves	Chenango	1944
1582.	Friendly Valley	Earl Assont	Herbert Custer	Chenango	1944*
1583.	Red Creek Valley	Harris Clark, Jr.	Mrs. Kenneth W. Webb	Otsego	1945
1584.	Henry D. Sherwood	Frank Rojeski	Susan Barich	Dutchess	1945*
1585.	Centerville	Carl Walradt	Margaret Elwood	Allegany	1946
1586.	Cathetackne	Ernest Shoemaker	Clarence Beekman	Herkimer	1946
1587.	Wellsville	Edward Fisher	James Gilman	Allegany	1946
1588.	Andes	Roland Burton	Edna Gladstone	Delaware	1946
1589.	Sherwood Valley	J. Ellis Jones	Maisie Jones	Broome	1947
1590.	Cascade Valley	Perry W. Griffith	Mrs. Ralph Decker	Broome	1947*
1591.	Hancock	Carl Severt	Helen Vosburgh	Delaware	1947
1592.	Ouleanna	Edwin Titus	Alfred Ingalls	Otsego	1948
1593.	Happy Valley	Donald Brown	Juanita Newton	Tompkins	1949*
1594.	Perryville	Edward Manwarren	Leta Weisbrod	Madison	1952
1595.	Smithfield	Foster Tayntor	Ketheryn Gerbig	Madison	1952
1596.	Bleecker	Emerson Bowman	Frances Brink	Fulton	1953

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No.	Name of Grange	County	Yr. Organized
1.	Huron	Wayne	1904 Reor. 1935*
2.	Newark	Wayne	1905*
3.	No. Hannibal	Oswego	1906 Reor. 1932, 1957
4.	Adams	Jefferson	1906*
5.	Potsdam	St. Lawrence	1906 Reor. as No. 172
6.	Fairfield	Herkimer	1907*
7.	Centerville	Allegany	1907*
8.	Hannibal	Oswego	1909*
9.	Mount Pleasant	Oswego	1909 Reor. 1932*
10.	Ticonderoga	Essex	1909 Reor. as No. 108
11.	Barrington	Yates	1910 Reor. as No. 79
12.	Thousand Island	Jefferson	1910 Reor. 1933*
13.	Webster	Monroe	1910 Reor. 1932
14.	North Barton	Tioga	1913 Reor. 1943
15.	Midland	Sullivan	1913*
16.	Westfield	Chautauqua	1919 Reor. 1953*
17.	Balmville	Orange	1919 Reor. 1924, 1932
18.	Flemingville	Tioga	1921*
19.	Brier Hill	St. Lawrence	1921*
20.	Plessis	Jefferson	1921 Reor. 1941, 1947*
21.	Bullville	Orange	1922 Reor. 1946, 1949*
22.	Union	Ontario	1922*
23.	Pulaski	Oswego	1922 Reor. 1941*
24.	South Rutland	Jefferson	1922 Reor. 1951
25.	Veteran	Chemung	1922 Reor. 1931
26.	Baldwinsville	Onondaga	1922
27.	Watertown	Jefferson	1922*
28.	Central Square	Oswego	1922*
29.	Seneca	Seneca	1922
30.	Covert	Seneca	1923
31.	Mexico	Oswego	1923 Reor. 1932, 1955
32.	Putnam Valley	Putnam	1923 Reor. 1936. 1946
33.	Copenhagen	Lewis	1923 Reor. 1936*
34.	Mohawk Valley	Montgomery	1923 Reor. 1949*
35.	Adams Center	Jefferson	1923 Reor. 1936, 1949. 1958
36.	Macomb	St. Lawrence	1923 Reor. as 573
37.	Great Bend	Jefferson	1923*
38.	Natural Bridge	Jefferson	1923 Reor. 1936*
39.	Skaneateles	Onondaga	1923
40.	Hammond	St. Lawrence	1923 Reor. 1937*
41.	Red Hook	Dutchess	1924*
42.	Domestic	Oswego	1924*
43.	Lansingville	Tompkins	1924*
44.	Chaumont	Jefferson	1924 Reor. 1955
45.	Denmark	Lewis	1924 Reor. 1944
46.	Lenox	Madison	1924 Reor. 1949*
47.	Hartland	Niagara	1924 Reor. 1939*
48.	Wolcott	Wayne	1924 Reor. 1937
49.	Dansville	Livingston	1924



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50.	Cuba	Allegany	1924 Reor. 1933*
51.	Red Creek	Wayne	1924 Reor. 1957
52.	York	Allegany	1924*
53.	Petrolia	Allegany	1924 Reor. 1956
54.	Hamburg	Erie	1925*
55.	Attica	Wyoming	1925 Reor. 1948*, 1958
56.	Pavilion	Genesee	1925 Reor. 1946
57.	Oak Hill	Steuben	1925*
58.	West Sparta	Livingston	1925 Reor. 1932, 1958
59.	Canisteo	Steuben	1925 Reor. 1931, Reor. 1948*
60.	Geddes	Onondaga	1925*
61.	Louisville	Otsego	1925*
62.	Brighton & Harrietstown	Franklin	1925*
63.	Nelson	Madison	1925 Reor. 1947
64.	Crary Mills	St. Lawrence	1925 Reor. 1948*
65.	Carthage	Jefferson	1925 Reor. 1935*
66.	Silas Wright	St. Lawrence	1925 Reor. 1935, 1948*
67.	Malta Ridge	Saratoga	1925 Reor. No. 121
68.	Wilton	Saratoga	1925 Reor. 1946
69.	Springwater	Livingston	1925 Reor. 1952
70.	Vestal	Broome	1925 Reor. 1937*
71.	Gansevoort	Saratoga	1925 Reor. 1933*
72.	Stillwater	Saratoga	1925*
73.	Mountain View	St. Lawrence	1925 Reor. 1933*
74.	Rensselaer Falls	St. Lawrence	1925*
75.	Hermon	St. Lawrence	1925*
76.	Burdette	Schuyler	1925*
77.	Benton	Yates	1926
78.	Penn Yan	Yates	1926
79.	Barrington	Yates	1926
80.	Cohocton	Steuben	1926*
81.	Lowville	Lewis	1926
82.	Lower Oswego Falls	Oswego	1926*
83.	Warren	Herkimer	1926 Reor. 1946*
84.	South Butler	Wayne	1926 Reor. 1950, 1952
85.	Williamson	Wayne	1926 Reor. 1950
86.	Borodino	Onondaga	1926 Reor. 1950
87.	Oatka Falls	Genesee	1927
88.	Bergen	Genesee	1927 Reor. 1949
89.	Warsaw	Wyoming	1927 Reor. 1937*
90.	Enfield Valley	Tompkins	1927 Reor. 1938
91.	Newark	Wayne	1927 Reor. 1949
92.	Easton	Washington	1927
93.	Palmyra	Wayne	1927
94.	Richville	St. Lawrence	1927 Reor. 1948*
95.	Bloomington	Sullivan	1928
96.	Greenwood	Steuben	1928*
97.	Tully Valley	Onondaga	1928 Reor. 1955
98.	Crystal Valley	Yates	1928
99.	Bowens Corners	Oswego	1928 Reor. 1946*
100.	Pine Plains	Dutchess	1928 Reor. 1935
101.	Marcellus	Onondaga	1928

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102.	Weedsport	Cayuga	1929. Reor. 1932, 1950*
103.	Seiferts Corners	Oneida	1929*
104.	DePeyster	St. Lawrence	1929
105.	Port Leyden	Lewis	1929 Reor. 1938*
106.	Neils Creek	Steuben	1929*
107.	River Bank	Lewis	1929 Reor. 1945*
108.	Ticonderoga	Essex	1929*
109.	Mohican	Warren	1929*
110.	Mapletown	Montgomery	1929
111.	Avoca	Steuben	1929*
112.	Argyle	Washington	1929 Reor. 1954
113.	Rushville	Yates	1929
114.	Camden	Oneida	1929*
115.	Bethlehem	Albany	1929 Reor. 1946, 1949
116.	Kirkland	Jefferson	1929 Reor. 1955
117.	White Creek	Washington	1929
118.	Oak Field	Genesee	1929
119.	Lisbon	St. Lawrence	1929 Reor. 1953*
120.	Whallonsburg	Essex	1929
121.	Malta Ridge	Saratoga	1929 Old No. 67*
122.	Jordanville	Herkimer	1929 Reor. 1936*
123.	Lake View	Essex	1929*
124.	LaFargeville	Jefferson	1929*
125.	Cambridge	Washington	1929 Reor. 1947*
126.	Shavertown	Delaware	1929*
127.	Groveland	Livingston	1929*
128.	Halsey Valley	Tioga	1930 Reor. 1942, 1945, 1955
129.	Rock City	Dutchess	1930*
130.	Scottsburg	Livingston	1930 Reor. 1951*
131.	Canandaigua	Ontario	1930 Reor. 1953
132.	Minetto	Oswego	1930 Reor. 1944*
133.	Somerset	Niagara	1930*
134.	Ross	Chautauqua	1930 Reor. 1945
135.	West Chazy	Clinton	1930*
136.	Brewster	Putnam	1930 Reor. 1945*
137.	Honeoye Falls	Monroe	1930 Reor. 1946*
138.	Moriah	Essex	1930*
139.	Lockport	Niagara	1930 Reor. 1947*
140.	Irondequoit	Monroe	1930 Reor. 1945
141.	Salisbury Center	Herkimer	1930* Reor. 1958
142.	Fly Creek	Otsego	1930*
143.	Glendale	Lewis	1930 Reor. 1935, 1946, 1954
144.	Parma	Monroe	1930*
145.	Clintondale	Ulster	1930*
146.	Mendon	Monroe	1930 Reor. 1947
147.	Claverack	Columbia	1930*
148.	Pittsford	Monroe	1930
149.	Morley	St. Lawrence	1930 Reor. 1956*
150.	Saranac Valley	Clinton	1930 Reor. 1946*
151.	Wharton Valley	Otsego	1930*
152.	Castile	Wyoming	1930 Reor. 1951*
153.	Ischua	Cattaraugus	1930*



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154.	Taft Settlement	Onondaga	1930	Reor. 1950*
155.	North Urbana	Steuben	1930	
156.	Silver Lake	Dutchess	1930*	
157.	Bethany	Genesee	1930	Reor. 1948
158.	Sylvan	Dutchess	1930	Reor. 1945*
159.	Wiccopee	Dutchess	1930	Reor. 1944, 1949*
160.	Yorktown	Westchester	1930	Reor. 1933*
161.	Phoenix	Oswego	1930	Reor. 1938*
162.	Caledonia	Livingston	1930	Reor. 1950
163.	Naples	Ontario	1931*	
164.	Pleasant Valley	Steuben	1931	Reor. 1946, 1949, 1956
165.	Excelsior	Onondaga	1931	
166.	Elbridge	Onondaga	1931	Reor. 1948, 1952
167.	South Bristol	Ontario	1931	Reor. 1945
168.	Machias	Cattaraugus	1931*	
169.	Rose Hill	Seneca	1931*	
170.	Reed Corners	Ontario	1931	
171.	Stockton	Chautauqua	1931	Reor. 1940*
172.	Potsdam	St. Lawrence	1931	Former No. 5*
173.	North Otto	Cattaraugus	1931	Reor. 1946*
174.	Oak Leaf	Tioga	1931*	
175.	Oak Grove	Dutchess	1931	Reor. 1950*
176.	East Chatham	Columbia	1931	Reor. 1949*
177.	Parishville	St. Lawrence	1931	Reor. 1953*
178.	Enterprise	Ontario	1931	Reor. 1940*
179.	Hamptonburg	Orange	1931	Reor. 1948*
180.	Bacon Hill	Saratoga	1931	Reor. 1949*
181.	Lamson	Onondaga	1931*	
182.	West Groton	Tompkins	1931	Reor. 1944, 1948
183.	DePauville	Jefferson	1931	Reor. 1935*
184.	Steuben	Oneida	1931	Reor. 1949
185.	Randolph	Cattaraugus	1931*	
186.	Ovid	Seneca	1931	Reor. 1947*
187.	Seneca	Ontario	1931	Reor. 1937, 1952*
188.	Upton Lake	Dutchess	1931	Reor. 1945*
189.	Ulysses	Tompkins	1931	
190.	Hebron Valley	Washington	1931*	
191.	Avon	Livingston	1931*	
192.	Moravia	Cayuga	1931	
193.	Savona	Steuben	1931*	
194.	Academy	Ontario	1931	Reor. 1946
195.	Pike	Wyoming	1931	Reor. 1957
196.	Salem Union	Washington	1931*	
197.	Schuyler Falls	Clinton	1931*	
198.	Perch River	Jefferson	1931	Reor. 1942, 1950
199.	Forest City	Tompkins	1931	Reor. 1949*
200.	Adirondack	Essex	1931*	
201.	Newark Valley	Tioga	1931	Reor. 1939*
202.	Dryden	Tompkins	1931*	
203.	Altmar	Oswego	1931	Reor. 1948*
204.	Corfu	Genesee	1931	
205.	South Onondaga	Onondaga	1931*	

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206.	Bath	Steuben	1931*
207.	Onondaga Hill	Onondaga	1931 Reor. 1942*
208.	Mettowee	Washington	1931*
209.	Newfield	Tompkins	1931*
210.	Burlington	Otsego	1931*
211.	Brookfield	Suffolk	1931*
212.	Ransomville	Niagara	1931*
213.	Whiteface	Essex	1931 Reor. 1953*
214.	Milton	Saratoga	1931
215.	Greenfield	Saratoga	1931
216.	Barre	Orleans	1931 Reor. 1949, 1952
217.	Malone	Franklin	1932 Reor. 1958
218.	Orchard Park	Erie	1932*
219.	Waterbury	Tompkins	1932*
220.	East Venice	Cayuga	1932
221.	McGrawville	Cortland	1932 Reor. 1949*
222.	Warrens Corners	Niagara	1932*
223.	Bottskill	Washington	1932
224.	North Granville	Washington	1932
225.	Oxford	Chenango	1932*
226.	West Parishville	St. Lawrence	1932*
227.	South Cortland	Cortland	1932 Reor. 1947, 1950, 1954
228.	Preble	Cortland	1932*
229.	Cortlandville	Cortland	1932
230.	Union Center	Broome	1932*
231.	Andover	Allegany	1932 Reor. 1956
232.	Fairport	Monroe	1932
233.	Point Peninsula	Jefferson	1932*
234.	Homer	Cortland	1932*
235.	Hunt	Livingston	1932
236.	Mecklenberg	Schuyler	1932*
237.	Tyrone	Schuyler	1932
238.	Highland	Ulster	1932 Reor. 1952, 1958
239.	Seeley Creek	Chemung	1932 Reor. 1950*, 1958*
240.	Ingleside	Steuben	1932 Reor. 1948*
241.	North Alexander	Genesee	1932 Reor. 1947*
242.	Darien	Genesee	1932*
243.	South Shore	Wayne	1932*
244.	Tonawanda Valley	Genesee	1932*
245.	Saratoga	Saratoga	1932 Reor. 1943*
246.	Leyden	Lewis	1932*
247.	Ausable Valley	Essex	1932*
248.	Colonel Harper	Delaware	1932*
249.	Bristol Valley	Ontario	1932 Reor. 1954*
250.	Byron	Genesee	1932
251.	Peru	Clinton	1932 Reor. 1946*
252.	Paines Hollow	Herkimer	1932
253.	Interlaken	Seneca	1932 Reor. 1945, 1956
254.	Towlesville	Steuben	1932*
255.	Friendship	Allegany	1932 Reor. 1938*
256.	Marilla	Erie	1932*
257.	Ossian	Livingston	1932



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258.	Perry	Wyoming	1933
259.	Winthrop	St. Lawrence	1933
260.	Penfield	Monroe	1933*
261.	Middlesex Valley	Yates	1933*
262.	Transit	Orleans	1933*
263.	Cobleskill State School	Schoharie	1933 Reor. 1945*
264.	Campville	Tioga	1933* Reor. 1959
265.	New Lebanon	Columbia	1933 Reor. 1948*
266.	Reber	Essex	1933*
267.	Alfred	Allegany	1933 Reor. 1953*
268.	Clyde	Wayne	1933 Reor. 1946, 1956
269.	Clarendon	Orleans	1933*
270.	Brockport	Monroe	1933 Reor. 1949
271.	Searsburg	Schuyler	1933
272.	Greece	Monroe	1933 Reor. 1953
273.	West Sand Lake	Rensselaer	1933*
274.	Big Creek	Steuben	1933 Reor. 1950, 1956
275.	Lindley	Steuben	1933*
276.	Star	Jefferson	1933 Reor. 1954*
277.	Turin	Lewis	1933 Reor. 1947
278.	Sidney	Delaware	1933*
279.	Johnstown	Columbia	1933*
280.	Midland	Sullivan	1933*
281.	Victor	Ontario	1933
282.	Cicero	Onondaga	1933*
283.	Sennett	Cayuga	1933 Reor. 1948*
284.	Romulus	Seneca	1933*
285.	Charlton	Saratoga	1933*
286.	Marathon	Cortland	1933 Reor. 1949*
287.	Floyd	Oneida	1933*
288.	Bliss	Wyoming	1933 Reor. 1945*
289.	Altona	Clinton	1933*
290.	Luzerne	Warren	1933 Reor. 1952*
291.	Lorraine	Jefferson	1933*
292.	Merchantville	Steuben	1933*
293.	Wright Settlement	Oneida	1933 Reor. 1946
294.	Locke	Cayuga	1933*
295.	Koleneka	Fulton	1933*
296.	Busti	Chautauqua	1933 Reor. 1952
297.	Granby	Oswego	1933*
298.	Wyoming	Wyoming	1933 Reor. 1948*
299.	Amboy	Oswego	1933 Reor. 1950
300.	Gleneida	Putnam	1933 Reor. 1947*
301.	Lafayette	Onondaga	1933 Reor. 1955

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No.	Name of Grange	County	Yr. Organized	
302.	Gates	Monroe	1933	Reor. 1946*
303.	Pleasant Valley	Oneida	1933	Reor. 1938*
304.	East Bloomfield	Ontario	1933	Reor. 1956*
305.	Russell	St. Lawrence	1934	Reor. 1949*
306.	Waldo	Dutchess	1934*	
307.	Findley Lake	Chautauqua	1934*	
308.	Bombay	Franklin	1934*	
309.	Clarksville	Albany	1934	Reor. 1943*
310.	Clinton	Oneida	1934	Reor. 1947, 1951*
311.	Dresserville	Cayuga	1934	Reor. 1946*
312.	Stafford	Genesee	1934*	
313.	Genesee Valley	Allegany	1934*	
314.	Watertown	Jefferson	1934	Reor. 1954
315.	North Norwich	Chenango	1934*	
316.	Millerton	Dutchess	1934	Reor. 1952*
317.	Arthursburg	Dutchess	1934*	
318.	Cohocton	Steuben	1934	Reor. 1957
319.	Almond	Allegany	1934	Reor. 1947*, 1958
320.	Harrisburg	Lewis	1934	Reor. 1943, 1957
321.	Washington	Dutchess	1934	Reor. 1951*
322.	Adirondack	Lewis	1934	
323.	Elba	Genesee	1934	Reor. 1949*
324.	East Pembroke	Genesee	1934	Reor. 1948
325.	Henrietta	Monroe	1934	Reor. 1945
326.	Castle	Ontario	1934*	
327.	Heuvelton	St. Lawrence	1934	Reor. 1955
328.	Lyndonville	Orleans	1934*	
329.	East Fayette	Seneca	1934*	
330.	Mohawk Valley	Saratoga	1935*	
331.	Austerlitz	Columbia	1935*	
332.	Wawaka	Delaware	1935*	
333.	Lincoln	Wayne	1935	Reor. 1952
334.	Hoosick	Rensselaer	1935	
335.	Henderson	Jefferson	1935	Reor. 1948
336.	Scotch Bush	St. Lawrence	1935*	
337.	Hemlock	Livingston	1935	Reor. 1952*
338.	Brushton	Franklin	1935*	
339.	Theresa	Jefferson	1935*	
340.	Preston	Chenango	1935	Reor. 1947*
341.	Oxbow	Jefferson	1935	Reor. 1953
342.	Linwood	Livingston	1935	
343.	Waddington	St. Lawrence	1935*	
344.	Chittenango	Madison	1935*	
345.	Duane	Schenectady	1935	Reor. 1950
346.	Whitehall	Washington	1935	Reor. 1949
347.	Farmington	Ontario	1935	Reor. 1958
348.	Bolivar	Allegany	1935	Reor. as No. 556*
349.	Little Genesee	Allegany	1935*	
350.	Keshequa	Livingston	1935	Reor. 1947*



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351.	Glenville	Schenectady	1935	Reor. 1945*
352.	Cato	Cayuga	1935*	
353.	Chapel Corners	Dutchess	1935	Reor. 1950*
354.	Brunswick	Rensselaer	1936*	Reor. 1958
355.	Pamelia	Jefferson	1936	Reor. 1945
356.	Russia	Herkimer	1936	Reor. 1951*
357.	Plymouth	Chenango	1936*	
358.	Albright	Cortland	1936*	
359.	Bowman Creek	Montgomery	1936	Reor. 1945
360.	Sherburne	Chenango	1936*	
361.	Otisville	Orange	1936	
362.	Virgil	Cortland	1936*	
363.	Williamstown	Oswego	1936*	
364.	Gouverneur	St. Lawrence	1936*	
365.	DeKalb	St. Lawrence	1936	Reor. 1948*
366.	Champion	Jefferson	1936*	
367.	Norway	Herkimer	1936*	
368.	Neversink Valley	Orange	1936*	
369.	Dexter	Jefferson	1936	Reor. 1954
370.	Glenridge	Schenectady	1936	Reor. 1950
371.	Great Bend	Jefferson	1936*	
372.	Sullivanville	Chemung	1936*	
373.	Fort Jackson	St. Lawrence	1936*	
374.	East Scipio	Cayuga	1936*	
375.	Coventry	Chenango	1936*	
376.	Rhinebeck	Dutchess	1936	
377.	Chili	Monroe	1936	Reor. 1946
378.	DeKalb Junction	St. Lawrence	1936	Reor. 1949*
379.	Rising Sun	Oswego	1936	Reor. 1950*
380.	Millers Mills	Herkimer	1936	Reor. 1946, 1949
381.	Smithville	Jefferson	1936	Reor. 1958
382.	Goodrich Settlement	Tioga	1936*	
383.	Gardners Corners	Lewis	1936*	
384.	Bartonville	Broome	1937	Reor. 1950
385.	Hope	Oswego	1937*	
386.	Niskayuna	Schenectady	1937*	
387.	Southampton	Suffolk	1937*	
388.	Jamesville	Onondaga	1937	
389.	Indian River	Jefferson	1937	Reor. 1957
390.	Mahopac	Putnam	1937	Reor. 1946*
391.	Wallkill River	Orange	1937	Reor. 1957
392.	Texas Valley	Cortland	1937	
393.	Cortlandt	Westchester	1937	Reor. 1946*
394.	Varysburg	Wyoming	1937	
395.	Cayuta	Schuyler	1937*	
396.	New Hope	Cayuga	1937*	
397.	Hornellsville	Steuben	1937*	
398.	Patterson	Putnam	1937*	
399.	Davenport	Delaware	1937	
400.	Barnes Corners	Lewis	1937*	
401.	Westmoreland	Oneida	1937*	
402.	North Fenton	Broome	1937	Reor. 1955

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403.	Guyanoga Valley	Yates	1937
404.	Harmony	Cortland	1937*
405.	Canaseraga	Allegany	1937
406.	Stephens Mills	Steuben	1938*
407.	Jewett	Greene	1938
408.	Farmersville	Cattaraugus	1937*
409.	Kingsbury	Washington	1938 Reor. 1951, 1955
410.	Cayuga Lake	Cayuga	1938*
411.	DeWittville	Chautauqua	1938*
412.	Litchfield	Herkimer	1938
413.	Honeoye Valley	Ontario	1938*
414.	Stanford	Dutchess	1938 Reor. 1953
415.	Lawtons	Erie	1938 Reor. 1957
416.	Crum Creek	Fulton	1938 Reor. 1944*
417.	Reading	Schuyler	1938. Reor. 1951*
418.	Sherman	Chautauqua	1938 Reor. 1951
419.	Florida	Montgomery	1938*
420.	Sanataria Springs	Broome	1938
421.	Chateaugay	Franklin	1938*
422.	Sherwood	Cayuga	1938*
423.	Boston	Erie	1938*
424.	Lee	Oneida	1938*
425.	Ripley	Chautauqua	1938*
426.	Acme	Tioga	1938 Reor. 1948*
427.	Wyndale	Erie	1938*
428.	Castle Creek	Broome	1938*
429.	Caroline	Tompkins	1938 Reor. 1948*
430.	West Danby	Tompkins	1938*
431.	Etna	Tompkins	1938*
432.	Susquehanna Valley	Broome	1938
433.	Paris	Oneida	1938 Reor. 1955
434.	Gaines	Orleans	1938. Reor. 1949*
435.	Speedsville	Tompkins	1938*
436.	Afton	Chenango	1938
437.	Cassadaga	Chautauqua	1938*
438.	Massena	St. Lawrence	1938 Reor. 1948*
439.	Laurens	Otsego	1938*
440.	Sandy Creek	Oswego	1938*
441.	Sodus	Wayne	1938
442.	Allegany	Cattaraugus	1939*
443.	Cattaraugus	Cattaraugus	1939*
444.	East Greenbush	Rensselaer	1939*
445.	Deposit	Broome	1939*
446.	Fredonia	Chautauqua	1939 Reor. 1950
447.	Otego Valley	Otsego	1939*
448.	Pierstown	Otsego	1939 Reor. 1957
449.	Glens Falls	Warren	1939 Reor. 1948
450.	Fayetteville	Onondaga	1939 Reor. 1954*
451.	Franklin	Delaware	1939*
452.	Horseheads	Chemung	1939 Reor. 1958
453.	Lindenwald	Columbia	1939 Reor. 1950*
454.	Monticello	Sullivan	1939*



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455.	Hermitage	Wyoming	1939* Reor. 1958
456.	Adams	Jefferson	1939 Reor. 1957
457.	Addison	Steuben	1939 Reor. 1952
458.	Twin Valley	Broome	1939 Reor. 1955
459.	Villanova	Chautauqua	1939 Reor. 1948*
460.	Lysander	Onondaga	1939 Reor. 1955
461.	Manchester	Ontario	1939*
462.	Clarence	Erie	1939*
463.	Candor	Tioga	1939 Reor. 1951
464.	Portville	Cattaraugus	1940 Reor. 1947, 1954
465.	Clayton	Jefferson	1940*
466.	Panama Rock	Chautauqua	1940*
467.	Ticonderoga	Essex	1940*
468.	Ashville	Chautauqua	1940*
469.	Belfast	Allegany	1940 Reor. 1956
470.	Richfield	Otsego	1940*
471.	Burdett	Schuyler	1940*
472.	Beaver Dams	Schuyler	1940 Reor. 1953*
473.	Franklinville	Cattaraugus	1940*
474.	Keene	Essex	1940*
475.	Tully	Onondaga	1940 Reor. 1954
476.	Boonville	Oneida	1940*
477.	Ellington	Chautauqua	1940*
478.	Centralia	Chautauqua	1940*
479.	Beaver Falls	Lewis	1940*
480.	Pawling	Dutchess	1940*
481.	Redfield	Oswego	1940 Reor. 1953*
482.	Oak Hill	Steuben	1940*
483.	Spencer	Tioga	1940*
484.	Fly Creek Valley	Otsego	1940*
485.	Townsend	Schuyler	1940*
486.	Corinth	Saratoga	1940 Reor. 1949
487.	Charlotte Center	Chautauqua	1940 Reor. 1954*
488.	Silver Lake	Dutchess	1940 Reor. 1953*
489.	Fabius	Onondaga	1940*
490.	Fallkill	Dutchess	1941 Reor. 1947*
491.	Greene	Chenango	1941 Reor. 1949*
492.	Cherry Creek	Chautauqua	1941*
493.	Parish	Oswego	1941*
494.	Freedom Plains	Dutchess	1941 Reor. 1953*
495.	Washingtonville	Orange	1941*
496.	Adirondack	St. Lawrence	1941*
497.	Pleasant Valley	Washington	1941 Reor. 1949
498.	North Manlius	Onondaga	1941*
499.	Hall	Ontario	1941*
500.	Catskill	Greene	1941*
501.	Portland	Chautauqua	1941*
502.	Deerpark	Orange	1941 Reor. 1954
503.	Sinclairville	Chautauqua	1941*
504.	Mentz	Cayuga	1941 Reor. 1946*
505.	Valley	Clinton	1941 Reor. 1946*
506.	Albion	Oswego	1941*

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507.	St. Lawrence	Jefferson	1941	Reor. 1947, 1955*
508.	Seifert Corners	Oneida	1941*	
509.	Newfane	Niagara	1941	Reor. 1951*
510.	Johnsburg	Warren	1942*	
511.	Perthshire	Fulton	1942	
512.	Galway	Saratoga	1942	
513.	Mountainside	Warren	1942	Reor. 1952
514.	Arkwright Center	Chautauqua	1942	Reor. 1949*
515.	Helderberg	Albany	1942	Reor. 1955
516.	South Harmony	Chautauqua	1942	Reor. 1954*
517.	Bridgeport	Madison	1942*	
518.	Otsenango	Chenango	1943	Reor. 1951
519.	Madrid	St. Lawrence	1943	
520.	Elizaville	Columbia	1943*	
521.	West Laurens	Otsego	1943	
522.	Freeman	Steuben	1943	Reor. 1949*
523.	Smyrna	Chenango	1943	
524.	Brier Hill	St. Lawrence	1943*	
525.	Howard	Steuben	1943	
526.	Winfield	Herkimer	1943*	
527.	Algonquin	Chenango	1944*	
528.	Southold	Suffolk	1944*	
529.	Seward Valley	Schoharie	1944*	
530.	Norwich Township	Chenango	1944	Reor. 1951
531.	South Ripley	Chautauqua	1944*	
532.	Unadilla	Otsego	1944	
533.	Mohawk Valley	Saratoga	1944*	
534.	Erieville	Madison	1945	Reor. 1952,* 1958
535.	Belmont	Allegany	1945	Reor. 1951*
536.	Yorks	Allegany	1945*	
537.	Louisville	Otsego	1945	Reor. 1952*
538.	Plattekill	Ulster	1945	Reor. 1950, 1956*
539.	Harmony	Herkimer	1945*	
540.	Waneta	Schuyler	1945*	
541.	Chemung	Chemung	1945	Reor. 1949
542.	Ulster	Ulster	1945*	
543.	North Java	Wyoming	1945*	
544.	Westville	Otsego	1945	
545.	Mountainville	Orange	1946*	
546.	Union	Chautauqua	1946*	
547.	Halfmoon	Saratoga	1946*	
548.	Wawayanda	Orange	1946*	
549.	Minisink	Orange	1946*	
550.	Little Britain	Orange	1946*	Reor. 1961
551.	Ballston	Saratoga	1946*	
552.	Clinton	Clinton	1946*	
553.	Olive Branch	Schuyler	1946	Reor. 1953*
554.	Glen	Montgomery	1946	Reor. 1950*
555.	Happy Thought	Oswego	1946*	
556.	Bolivar	Allegany	1946	Former No. 348*
557.	Wellsville	Allegany	1946*	
558.	Marcy	Oneida	1946*	



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559.	North Lansing	Tompkins	1946
560.	Stone Ridge	Ulster	1946 Reor. 1955
561.	Rural Grove	Montgomery	1947*
562.	Ogden	Monroe	1947
563.	Ouleout	Delaware	1947*
564.	Masonville	Delaware	1947*
565.	Battle Hill	Washington	1947*
566.	Lake View	Seneca	1947*
567.	Kendrew	St. Lawrence	1947 Reor. 1953
568.	Rensselaer Falls	St. Lawrence	1947*
569.	Akron	Erie	1947*
570.	Holland	Erie	1947
571.	Nicholville	St. Lawrence	1947*
572.	Otselic Valley	Chenango	1947*
573.	Macomb	St. Lawrence	1947 Former No. 36
574.	Mt. Hope	Dutchess	1947*
575.	Alderbrook	Madison	1947*
576.	North Colesville	Broome	1947*
577.	Clifton Springs	Ontario	1948*
578.	Climax	Greene	1948* Reor. 1958
579.	West Hermon	St. Lawrence	1948*
580.	Three Mile Bay	Jefferson	1948*
581.	Caneadea	Allegany	1948
582.	Savannah	Wayne	1948 Reor. 1956
583.	South Side	Suffolk	1948*
584.	Westville	Franklin	1948
585.	Middlesex Valley	Yates	1948*
586.	Greene Valley	Greene	1948
587.	Hiawatha	Albany	1948
588.	Hebron	Washington	1948
589.	Lansingville	Tompkins	1948
590.	Erie	Lewis	1948*
591.	Pine Grove	Jefferson	1948
592.	Petries Corners	Lewis	1948*
593.	Roseboom	Otsego	1949*
594.	Sheridan	Chautauqua	1949*
595.	Eureka	Wayne	1949
596.	Hurley	Ulster	1949*
597.	Wide Awake	Ontario	1949 Reor. 1957
598.	Hawleyton	Broome	1949*
599.	Magee	Seneca	1949*
600.	Riga	Monroe	1949*
601.	Emerald	Cattaraugus	1949*
602.	Buffalo Valley	Wyoming	1949*
603.	Gallupville	Schoharie	1949
604.	East Lansing	Tompkins	1949* Reor. 1958
605.	Cannonsville	Delaware	1949*
606.	McLean	Tompkins	1949*
607.	Kelley	Chenango	1949*
608.	Jasper	Steuben	1949* Reor. 1960
609.	Philadelphia	Jefferson	1949*
610.	West Pomona	Rockland	1949*

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611.	Scattergood	Montgomery	1949*
612.	Victory	Cayuga	1949*
613.	Hartsville	Steuben	1950*
614.	Chautauqua	Chautauqua	1950*
615.	Cottage	Cattaraugus	1950*
616.	Hartwick Seminary	Otsego	1950 Reor. 1954*
617.	Union Vale	Dutchess	1950*
618.	Knoxboro	Oneida	1950
619.	Chemung Valley	Chemung	1950 Reor. 1955
620.	Smithville Valley	Chenango	1950
621.	Curriers	Wyoming	1950*
622.	Henry D. Sherwood	Dutchess	1950*
623.	Cuyler	Cortland	1950*
624.	Fosterdale	Sullivan	1951*
625.	Burke	Franklin	1951*
626.	Otsquago	Montgomery	1951
627.	Springville	Erie	1951*
628.	Mandana	Onondaga	1951*
629.	South Lansing	Tompkins	1951*
630.	Pine Bush	Orange	1951*
631.	Shushan	Washington	1951*
632.	Hinman Hollow	Otsego	1951
633.	Eden	Erie	1951 Reor. 1956
634.	Wheeler	Steuben	1952
635.	Hopewell	Ontario	1952
636.	Windy Ridge	Schoharie	1952
637.	Napoli	Cattaraugus	1952
638.	Lyndonville	Orleans	1952*
639.	Owahgena	Madison	1952
640.	Scotch Church	Schenectady	1952*
641.	Hartford	Washington	1952*
642.	Gifford	Albany	1952*
643.	Red Creek Valley	Otsego	1952
644.	Woodhull	Steuben	1952* Reor. 1959
645.	Randolph	Cattaraugus	1952*
646.	Melrose	Rensselaer	1952
647.	Mayfield	Fulton	1952*
648.	Worcester	Otsego	1953
649.	Junius	Seneca	1953
650.	Stony Creek	Warren	1953
651.	Ticonderoga	Essex	1953*
652.	Oneonta	Otsego	1953*
653.	Jackson Corners	Dutchess	1953*
654.	Rose	Wayne	1953
655.	Perryville	Madison	1953
656.	Mansfield	Cattaraugus	1953*
657.	Hanover	Chautauqua	1953*
658.	Niobe	Chautauqua	1954
659.	West Branch	Oneida	1953
660.	Union	Jefferson	1954
661.	Coventry	Chenango	1954*
662.	Putnam Valley	Washington	1954



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663.	Ravena	Albany	1954
664.	Montgomery	Orange	1954
665.	Freetown	Cortland	1954*
666.	Wallington	Wayne	1954
667.	Ellery	Chautauqua	1954
668.	Otego Susquehanna Val	Otsego	1955
669.	East Clay	Onondaga	1955
670.	Lombard	Chautauqua	1955
671.	DeRuyter	Madison	1955
672.	Chester	Orange-Rockland	1955
673.	Olean	Cattaraugus	1955*
674.	Taylor Center	Cortland	1955*
675.	Summit	Schoharie	1955
676.	Fair Haven	Cayuga	1955*
677.	Schoharie Valley	Schoharie	1956
678.	South Sodus	Wayne	1956
679.	Nanticoke Valley	Broome	1956*
680.	Macedon	Wayne	1956*
681.	Camillus	Onondaga	1956
682.	West Ghent	Columbia	1956
683.	Hallsport	Allegany	1957
684.	Ellenburg	Clinton	1957
685.	Harford	Cortland	1957*
686.	Franklinton	Schoharie	1957
687.	Johnsonville	Rensselaer	1957
688.	Pennellville	Oswego	1958
689.	Asbury	Ulster	1958
690.	Pleasant Valley	Dutchess	1958
691.	Ethan Allen	Essex	1958
692.	Bemis Heights	Saratoga	1959
693.	Banner	Steuben	1959
694.	Rathbone	Steuben	1959
695.	Hortonville	Sullivan	1960
696.	Rock District	Schoharie	1960
697.	Mellenville	Columbia	1960
698.	New Haven	Oswego	1960
699.	Canaan	Columbia	1960
700.	Hedgesville	Steuben	1960
701.	Walton	Delaware	1960
702.	Hornby	Steuben	1961
703.	Prattsburg	Steuben	1961
704.	Upper Lisle	Broome	1961

## Chapter 11.

### RECOGNITION OF GRANGE BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

ADVISORY BOARD OF NEW YORK STATE FAIR: Mr. Freestone, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Johncox, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Smith.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AGRONOMY DEPARTMENT, CORNELL: Mr. Stanley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CONSUMERS COUNCIL: Mrs. Lorenzo Palmer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: (President Eisenhower's) Mr. Leland D. Smith.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE to JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION: Mr. Kenneth H. Fake.

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF EDUCATION PRACTICE ACT: (Appointed by Board of Regents) Mr. Stanley.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE COUNCIL: Mr. Leland D. Smith.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: Mr. Van Whittemore, (former State Steward) President in 1947.

AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK: Mr. Harold M. Stanley. President.

AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL: Mr. Stanley, Secretary.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: Mr. Stanley.

CITIZENS PUBLIC EXPENDITURE SURVEY: Mr. Leland D. Smith.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: Mrs. Charles Everett, Mrs. Lee Husted, Mrs. Nehemiah Andrews, Katherine Dillenbeck.

CORNELL BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Howard Edward Babcock, Mr. Stanley, Dr. Bruce Widgin.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY VETERINARY COUNCIL: Mr. Kenneth Patchen.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Mr. Clifton Pratt.

COUNCIL COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS: Mrs. Bruce Scudder, Mrs. Floyd Wilmot, Mrs. Charles Arnold.

COUNCIL RURAL EDUCATION: Mr. David Kidd.



COUNCIL OF RURAL WOMEN: Mrs. Jay Keller, Mrs. Guy Haviland, Sr., and Mrs. Clayton Taylor have served as Presidents. Member War and Peace Committee, Mrs. Seward Davis.

CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM: Mr. Henry Sherwood, Board of Directors.

EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE: Mr. W. J. Rich.

EMPIRE LIVESTOCK MARKETING COOPERATIVE: Mr. Clarence Johncox, Mr. Harold Stanley, Mr. Leland D. Smith.

FAMILY LIFE TRAINING CONFERENCE: Catherine Dillenbeck.

FARM CONFERENCE BOARD: State Master, State Secretary, Mr. Fake.

FARMERS AND TRADERS LIFE INSURANCE: Mr. Leland D. Smith, Mr. Fred J. Freestone, Mr. Clarence Johncox, Mr. Harold Stanley, Mr. Matthias Smith.

FARMERS IN WORLD AFFAIRS. Mrs. Lorenzo Palmer, Board of Directors.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION: (Canton) Mr. Louis C. Archer, Mr. Walter Goff.

FREE FARMERS, INC.: Mr. W. J. Rich, Vice-President, 1942. Set up by leading Farm Organizations in New York Milkshed to combat attempt to unionize farmers by United Mine Workers.

GRANGE-LEAGUE-FEDERATION-EXCHANGE, INC.: E. J. Walrath, J. C. Corwith, Earl Clark, William Hubbard.

HIGHWAY USERS CONFERENCE: State Master.

HOME ECONOMICS COUNCIL: Mrs. Leslie Tanner, Mrs. Lee Husted.

INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY NEW YORK STATE FAIR: Mrs. Jay Keller.

MIGANT LABOR COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Mrs. Jay Keller.

MILK FOR HEALTH, INC.: Mr. H. M. Stanley.

NATIONAL GRANGE MUTUAL INSURANCE: Mr. Fred J. Freestone, Mr. W. J. Rich, Mr. Leland D. Smith.

NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Guy Haviland, Jr.

NATIONAL SEAWAY COUNCIL: Mr. Fred J. Freestone.  
NEW YORK STATE:

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS: Edson J. Walrath, 1936.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mr. Stanley.

CITIZENS COUNCIL: State Master.

CONFERENCE YOUTH AND DELINQUENCY: Mrs. Roger Miller, Miss Pat Emerson.

CROP: Mr. Henry Sherwood, Chairman; Mrs. Floyd Wilmot, Executive Committee.

COUNCIL OF HOME ECONOMICS: Mrs. Kenneth Augur, Mrs. Herbert Thomsen.

DAIRY EXHIBITS, INC.: Mr. Leland D. Smith.

EDUCATION COMMISSION ON REDISTRICTING SCHOOLS: Mr. Leland D. Smith.

EMERGENCY FOOD COMMISSION, WORLD WAR 2: Mr. H. M. Stanley, Chairman.

INDUSTRIAL AND ALL—FOODS EXPOSITION, ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE, 1961: Mr. H. M. Stanley.

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mr. Paul Taber.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, STATE WIDE COMMITTEE: Mr. Leland D. Smith.

POWER AUTHORITY: Mr. Fred J. Freestone.

RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE: Rev. Fred Dean, Mr. Harry Graham.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CONFERENCE: Mr. Fred J. Freestone.

RURAL SAFETY COUNCIL: Mr. Leland D. Smith, President, Mr. Stanley Munro, Secretary.

RURAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: Mrs. John Thew, Mrs. Theron Pickett, President.

SOIL CONSERVATION: Mr. Kent Leavitt (also President National Soil Conservation District,) Mr. Leon Benjamin, Mr. Charles Downey, Mr. Rodmann Fellows.



STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, CANTON: Re-appointed to Council by Governor Nelson Rockefeller for period expiring 1970, Mr. Leland D. Smith.

TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON REVISION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF STATE CONSTITUTION: Appointment by Governor Rockefeller, Mr. H. M. Stanley.

RURAL RADIO FOUNDATION: Mr. H. M. Stanley.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE STATE FAIR: Miss Elizabeth L. Arthur, Mrs. David Mabie, Mrs. Lorenzo Palmer.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, 1939: Miss E. L. Arthur.

WOMEN'S FIELD ARMY FOR CANCER CONTROL: Mrs. Clyde Myers.

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE FORUM: Mrs. Seward Davis, Mrs. Lee Husted, Mrs. Rutherford Haynor, Mrs. Leslie Tanner, part time.

WORLD CONGRESS ON EDUCATION IN DEMOCRACY: Mr. Harold M. Stanley.

## Chapter 12.

### QUOTABLE GRANGE QUOTES

The forefront of history is made by those who have reached out beyond the ordinary in contribution to the vital story of civilization. History records evident causes and results, but what about the powerful germ hidden in the background? The Subordinate member, the Subordinate Grange, its lecture hour forum, discussion period, the quiet enthusiasm of a faithful member, and loyal personnel have ultimate effect.

Someone has said that at the clarion summons of the last trump, all important sounds of Time shall return on the ether waves of the Universe. Words, voices, whispers, shouts will sound again in just and final judgment. Thus, the prayer of Washington at Valley Forge, the words of Lincoln at Gettysburg, the beloved voice of our Saviour in the Sermon on the Mount shall once more become vibrant in spoken word. Your word,—my word,—will they come to judgment once again as they hover on the still air? What will the verdict be?

None of us can press a button which will enroll the scroll of the past. We can record samples of countless tributes to the Grange, expressed by Patrons everywhere. We trust these may be of assistance to writers, speakers, and seekers after Grange wisdom.

“The whole history of the Grange has been a story of accomplishments for the wellbeing of that large group of our citizenship who come from the backbone and heart of our nation,—the American Farmer. No selfish wish has ever dominated its thought or controlled its action.” Verna Brown, Hebron Valley Grange No. 1103, winner of 1934 Highway Safety Contest.

“We believe the fraternal cooperative spirit of our country people will broaden and deepen our rural life, improve its moral and educational outlook and raise the standard of the Grange higher and make it even more commanding.” Leon Collins, Allegany County, 1934.

“Most Granges have carried out definite programs to promote the welfare of our Order and the Community, and a keener interest and stronger sense of duty among Grange members.” John Osburn, Delegate-at-large Monroe County.

“The ancient husbandman before sowing the field, thus invoked Ceres: ‘O Ceres, great Mother of Harvests, let it be well sown,’—and after the sowing was finished, ‘O Lady Ceres of the golden sword and rich fruits, bless the sowing of this day.’ Today



we know we have no right to ask God's blessing on our work unless we have performed our part well." Mary Stafford, Ceres, 1934.

"Measured by numbers we have to report a decline, but measured by a true spirit of Grange principles we are on a sharp turn upward." Claude Pierpont, Chautauqua County, 1934.

"The inspiration to higher ideals and better service derived from Grange meetings and speakers is much appreciated by us." Emmett Ryan, Clinton County Delegate, 1934.

"Hand in hand with the church and the school, the Grange is a great educator, bringing Rural America all the best in fraternal life; a power feared by politicians, and respected by all for its firm, unyielding battle for the right." Mrs. Edwin Patterson, Oakfield. Honorable mention in National Grange definition contest, 1938.

"The Founders of our Order built into our foundation structure, not force, not hate, not strife, no quack or short cut remedies of any nature. At the very entrance to the Grange they placed Faith in God, hope and courage, charity in all things and fidelity to the highest ideals of rural life. That was their answer to the agricultural quacks of their day. . . .Without the church, the Grange must eventually die; without the Grange, rural church folk suffer the loss of a strong right arm." Rev. Fred Dean, 1936-37 State Chaplain.

"All of our Granges are cooperating with churches and schools in developing a community program." George L. Howard, Schuyler County Delegate-at-large, 1938.

"Rural people such as Grangers have saved the Constitution in the past and will save it today." Senator Joseph Hanley.

"How precious is the spirit of fraternity, of mutual helpfulness; how needful in the development of humanity is fellowship, the warm handclasp, the kind word spoken." Ida Potter, State Pomona, 1934.

"The Grange is an organization of farm people established to enrich the lives of its members so that they, through Divine guidance, may be a benefit to mankind." Eleanor M. Brown, Amsterdam.

"That the Grange holds the respect of the entire community in which it functions, over the whole State is evidenced by its increasing membership during the past year." Timothy Thomas, Assistant Steward, 1936.

"Rural people need first their church, then their schools, then their Grange." Dwight Pierson, 92 years old, at 1938 Oakfield Grange meeting.

"Let us bear in mind that if we are alive to our neighbor's needs, our works shall bring forth fruit in due season." Mary Silliman, State Pomona, 1937.

"A Grange meeting should be a place where all the problems of rural life, economical as well as social, can be discussed and resolved upon." Willard Kinney, Chairman Onondaga Tax and Legislative Committee.

"A live Grange has an actual money value to the community where it exists." Mrs. Earl Clark, Service and Hospitality, 1934.

"Our successes and failures urge us onward, and we are ever mindful that we fail to see shadows if we face the sun." Lloyd E. Germain, Washington County, 1936 Delegate-at-large.

"The Grange fraternity of men and women works together for agriculture and the rural home; thinks together for liberty and democracy; lives together for peace and community progress, and grows together to save America for posterity." Edwin R. Hales, Medina, Orleans County, 1938.

"Did you ever stop and ponder on the good the Grange has done, the many problems they have tackled, the many victories won? They are ever working, working to bring the farmers good. They are ever stanch and loyal to their splendid Brotherhood." Mrs. Barbara Sweeney, Clinton Grange No. 1029, Clinton County, 1936.

"The spirit of the Grange moves steadily forward in spite of reversals." Herman Porter, when Tioga County Delegate-at-large.

"To me, the Grange stands for Fraternal Rights and Privileges for all members of the family; a place where young and old can equally join in discussions, Community Service and welfare of the Grange." Marguerite Johnson, Service and Hospitality Committee, Maple Leaf Grange No. 11, 1958.

"This is a time when the Grange, with other free institutions, needs to keep an eternal vigilance, not only in regard to agriculture but also in regard to all of the civil and social heritages which have been so dearly bought by our forebears. Such a motto as was inscribed on the grave of William Bradford of Plymouth Colony might well be ours: "What our fathers with so great difficulty secured, let us not basely relinquish." Rev. Robert Root, Cayuga County, State Chaplain.



"Workers are we then together, janitor or boss,  
If the one man fails or falters it's the others loss;  
Side by side we climb the mountain, no man strives alone,  
Help to build another's fortunes and you build your own."

Esther Bailey, Yates County, State Pomona, 1939.

"Each year brings new evidence of the worth of our Order and the wonderful opportunities it furnishes rural people in social, educational and legislative ways." Ada Swift, Herkimer County, State Ceres, 1939.

"To me the Grange is ideal. I like the friendly spirit. I admire the superb Ritual." J. Orville Gamble, Maple Leaf No. 11.

"Come every Patron, far and near, join hands and work to-day. Fling high the banner of the Grange, keep step along the way." Mrs. C. J. Murphy, Copenhagen Grange.

"The Grange must not accept defeat; we are going to gain back more than we have lost." Eloise Hays, past Lecturer Towlesville Grange No. 430.

"Your church is No. 1. Your Grange is No. 2." Irving Hoskenberger, Webster Grange Treasurer, 1959.

"To me the Grange has the greatest opportunity of any organization." Lawrence Benson, Dutchess County.

"I do not think I can find a weak point in the structure of the Grange". Matthias Smith, 1958.

"In our great Farm Fraternity  
The duties performed by you and me,  
In every single case should be  
'FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.'

We shouldn't seek a personal gain  
But rather when things seem on the wane  
We should cheerfully work with hands and brain  
'FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.' "

Miss Catherine Marolf, Lecturer Beaver Falls Grange, 1960.

"So often I remark how grateful I am for the experience and friends I have gained all over because I am a Granger." Edward Baker, Deputy Wayne County, 1959.

"The farmers of America own a large amount of capital. They have a heavy investment also in education and technical skill. They are the stewards, not only of the country's most precious asset, land, but of a way of living and doing business that sums up what we think and speak of as 'The American Way.'

Despotic government can't get anywhere until it has liquidated the farmer. . . .I have belonged to the Grange for 33 years. I have never thought of it other than as an organization that would stand up for the freedom and integrity of the American farm enterprise, come what may. I think of the New York State Grange now as a force that can and will assert staunch Northeastern leadership in times when judgment is sorely needed." From address, 1948 Session, by Dr. A. B. Genung, Economist for the Northeast Farm Foundation, an organization developed in 1945 by the G. L. F. The Grange was one of the financial backers.

"A lady from one of the States where the Grange is somewhat new was visiting one of the big strong ones, and noting the substantial halls, some of them with over a half century of service, said: 'The English say there will always be an England, but from the looks of things I'd say, There will always be a Grange.'" Secretary Harry A. Caton in October 1945 National Grange Monthly.

"My interest in church, Grange and school never wanes. I am always in favor of anything for the improvement of the community, and I consider the Grange a splendid place to exchange ideas and have a wholesome social time." Mrs. Emely F. Perry, member of Putman Valley Grange, in 1945 National Grange Monthly. She was 104 years old.

I saw the sun in the blue Heaven,  
Its rays breaking through the clouds, drawing water,  
And I thought of the Grange with its great arms, drawing  
together all of us in a joyous bond of Brotherhood."

from Plattekill Grange yearbook, 1959.

"Let us make Grange growth mean more than new members alone. Let us make it a veritable stream of power coming from the soul." The late Louis J. Taber, when National Grange Master.

"Nothing less than my best is quite good enough for the Grange." May Goodfellow, Maple Leaf Grange, 1959.

"We need the youth in our Granges that we may share their natural enthusiasm and curiosity. The conservative attitude of the Grange on important questions should help any young person to find a firm foundation on which to stand." Earl C. Watson, former State Gatekeeper.

"I am sure that if we place our trust in God and labor together in peace and harmony, we will continue to give to Rural America an organization that will be of benefit to all." Clarence Johncox, Corfu.



"The only thing to be done is to be so enthusiastic that some of your enthusiasm will rub off on others. The Grange is marching on." Leonard Fuller, Edwards Grange.

"I like to meet people and there is no nicer place to meet people than in the Grange." Adolph Trips, Sullivan County Deputy, 1958.

"There is nothing in our lives has done for us what the Grange has done." Mrs. Bert Weeks, Adirondack Grange No. 530. Our Juvenile Grange is thriving, and will produce a good Grange for the future." Bert Weeks, 1959.

"The ladder of life is full of splinters but they prick the hardest when we are sliding down. TRY CLIMBING." National Secretary Harry Caton.

"We surely enjoy our meetings. At least I do, for I love the old P. of H. and all for which it stands." Anna Pallace, Lysander.

"I have received such splendid cooperation! I have heard people say, when such-and such a person took part in the programs, 'Why I never knew she or he could do that!' and this was the way I had of getting others to do something, too, by letting them see that the ones they thought were unable to do anything at all could do something worth while." Theresa M. Gardner, Farmington Grange No. 431.

"The future of the Grange, the country and international peace rests in the rural blood of America." Dr. Earl Bates, Cornell.

"I think there was nothing I ever enjoyed more than the Grange orchestra when I joined Denmark Grange." Robert Merriam, 1958 Delegate.

"The Grange is doing a wonderful work in getting the farmer a better standard of living." Allan Hunter, Maple Leaf.

"Wherever you go in our wonderful Empire State you will find members of the Grange the most friendly, the most hospitable and the most lovable people." Rev. O. B. Hill, State Chaplain, 1955.

"I don't suppose I would ever have been able to stand on my own feet and say my soul was my own, or get away from my own chimney fire, if it hadn't been for the Grange." T. A. DeLancey, former Special Deputy, in 1959.

"I have often thought what a lift the Grange would get if every subordinate Grange could equal the work done by the best. Perhaps 'would' is a better word than could, because I feel that the will to do it will bring results." Hugh Cosline, American Agriculturist.

"There is work for all in the Grange hall as well as in our homes and farms to bring about the goals set by Grange folks." Robert Drake, Gatekeeper, 1956.

"In all my associations with fellow Grangers this past year I have experienced a fulfillment of brotherhood and friendliness." Helen Lou Barden, Flora, 1952.

"What a loss has been mine since I dropped out of the Grange. It is worthwhile." The late Mrs. George B. Hewitt, former President New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

"I belong here in Grange where fellow Christians meet,  
To find. . .a friendly hand. . .a welcome smile,  
A song of faith, blessing the soul,  
And yes, a challenge to serve. . .community, neighbor and God. . .  
Fellowship and lecturer's hour  
Make the Grange a source of strength. . .  
Yes, I belong here, a pastor. . .among a pastor's people."

Rev. Marion Woods, Plattekill, N. Y.

"I will say that I enjoy the Grange, and we can get out of it what we put into it." Burr Harwood, 90 years old, a 65 year member of Hebron Valley Grange No. 1103, 1960.

"The Grange is a place where we use our talent, thought, strength and willingness to labor for the highest ideals, better education, more prosperous agriculture and a keener sense of citizenship." Thomas Bennett, Fillmore, N. Y.

"Our Grange to be progressive depends largely upon the unity shown by the members and their attendance at Grange meetings." Mrs. Frank Wood, Matron Linwood Grange, 1943.

"My father, John Stephen Martin, a member of the Consulate in Marseilles, and later Translator for the State, and who knew of the National Grange in Washington, when he knew that I had joined the Grange, said, 'I am proud that a daughter of mine should belong to such an organization.'" Mrs. Jeanne Geagan, Secretary Albany County Pomona, 1958.

"We have been active in Grange ever since we joined 18 years ago. Both of us having been born on farms, and now operating 350 acres, you can see why we are so interested. We love the ritualistic work as well as the many people we have become acquainted with." Mrs. Edward Beightol, Secretary Chautauqua Pomona Grange, 1961. "I pledge myself to give my all to the greatest Fraternal organization in the country." Edward Beightol, Gatekeeper, 1960.



"If it (The Order) is well advertised, it will have a tremendous run, as there is merit in it. It must be advertised as vigorously as if it were a patent medicine, but I cannot do all the work, other friends must aid. God bless you." Oliver Hudson Kelley, Aug. 26, 1868, in letter to Francis M. McDowell.

"I get to thinking, as I go along the road trying to do the part of the Grange work assigned to me, what a wonderful organization you and I belong to, and perhaps by belonging and working we can be a small part of what Oliver Wendell Holmes said: 'To have one flag, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore.' State Master Leland D. Smith, August, 1961.

**PRECIOUS OINTMENT:** (See conclusion of Installation Ceremony)

"The 'balsam of Aaron' is described as a very fine oil, which emits no scent or smell and is very proper for preparing odorous ointment. It is obtained from a tree called behen, which grows in Mt. Sinai and upper Egypt, and in certain parts of the Holy Land. Travellers assert that it is the very perfume with which the ancient high priest of the Jews with whose name it is connected, was wont to anoint his beard, and which the Psalmist extols so much on account of its rich and mollifying qualities,—it is the emblem of domestic harmony and brotherly love." Extract from "Palestine", a book found in a very old School Library.

## NEW YORK STATE GRANGE SERVICE AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CREED:

To treasure farm life as a satisfying way of life; to extend to all who enter our Grange homes the gracious welcome of Christian hospitality; to guard against careless speech and gossip which would injure others; to make word and action constructive; by unselfish service to build a better and higher manhood and womanhood; to guard against prejudice—race, creed or nationality; to promote deeper understanding through fraternal neighborliness; to develop creative beauty,—today's heritage, tomorrow's promise, God's partnership; to share actively, today's responsibility, God's gift to us,—as we use today, so shall tomorrow be to tomorrow's children. To realize the spiritual guardianship of home and community rests largely upon our shoulders,—our privilege to safeguard for the larger community that reaches beyond us. Each, in her measure, to add to the treasures of the common life of mankind.

To help our children find new horizons, based on the sure outlook of truth, honesty, faith and justice; to work with courage, to prove an enduring peace can be built upon the sound foundation of faith in God; to exert our utmost for a clearcut spiritual awakening here and now, that our faith and our freedom, living, vital, may endure forever. This is our creed.

Elizabeth L. Arthur, 1952

### LAND AHEAD! ARROW POINTS TO THE FUTURE!

No, this is not the end. It is the beginning of the Grange History of tomorrow which you, and you, and you, Patrons of the Empire State, are to write large upon the scroll of Time.

Many untilled acres await you in our great New York State Farm, our Grange. Do not leave them fallow. An untold crop of human welfare requires your tillage. Agricultural, economic, educational, social and spiritual betterment challenge you. In your hands the future looks very bright. You will not fail the wide opportunity, nor neglect your responsibility to rural good.

The Book of Genesis holds the promise: "Look from the place where thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it."

"Look from the place where thou art." Look at the wide acres which stretch before you, and it is for you, and you only, to determine the boundary markers of our great Farm. The goals that you set may prove to be foundation stones for rural freedom. May the blessing of God rest upon you as you go forward into this undiscovered country.









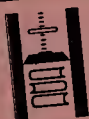








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